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Pay-offs

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councils

By Hugh Clayton

Local Government

Correspondent

Golden handshakes for new

employees of councils threa-

tened with abolition by the

Government will be ruled out

by a law to be enacted after Easter. The rule will apply

retrospectively even if payoffs

are agreed between councils and

staff at the time of employment.

The rule will affect only staff engaged from today by the

Greater London Council and

the six English metropolitan

county councils, all of which the

Government proposes to abolish in two years. But the rule will not affect redundancy and compensation already agreed with councils' existing worth councils' existing worth

kforce of 190,000.

The rule was foreshadowed yesterday by Mr Patrick Jenkin.

Secretary of State for the Environment, when he dis-

condemned the Government's

decision to include in the

abolition Bill a clause allowing

borough and district councils which will take over the tasks of

abolished councils to challenge

their spending in court before

THE Tomorrow

The low rollers From bingo hall to betting shop: Alan Hamilton reports on the small-time gamblers

Eve-openers What's happening to opticians now the Government has ended



Islands in the sun Travelling to sunspots in the Mediterranean: Malta, Corsica and

The new Member David Butler assesses the Chesterfield result Just testing

John Woodcock reports from Karachi on the opening day's play of the first Test match against

Union fears over Lords decision

Union leaders fear that the House of Lords, in upholding the Court of Appeal's decision on the illegality of the dispute between the National Union of Journalists and a company owned by David Dimbleby, the broadcaster, has opened a loophole for other employers

Law Report, page 20

Liberal budget

Liverpool City Council's Liberals presented an alternative budget involving a rate increase but avoiding the redundancies threatened by the ruling Labour



Paris protest

Paris is braced for a mass demonstration today by five miners' unions protesting against threatened pit closures. as industrial unrest spreads throughout France

After Trudeau

The surprise resignation of Mr Pierre Trudeau as Prime Minister of Canada sent the Toronto stock market up 13 points. while would-be successors jockeyed for position Page 12

Yard pullout

Bechtel, the US construction group, is likely to announce today that it is deciding to pull out of the bidding for the Scott Lithgow shipyard Page 25

Prague deal

Frau Ingrid Berg, the East German Prime Minister's niece, left the West German Embassy in Prague after securing prom-ises she would be allowed to emigrate to the West Page 11

Soccer rescue

Charlton Athletic has been taken over by a consortium and Robert Maxwell has formulated a rescue plan for Derby County Page 30

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Husain and Arafat enter period of new found harmony

From Christopher Walker, Amman

negotiation, and agreement in principle has been reached between King Husain and Mr talk with Israel over the future of the occcupied territories.

Although Arab leaders do not expect any progress in the Middle East peace process until after the US elections, the new found harmony between Jordan and the PLO is an essential ingredient for any long-term

developmen: Among other countries which King Husain hopes will back his moderate line are Egypt, Iraq, Saudi Arabia, Morocco, and the

"This is just the start", Mr Arafat explained in reference to the outcome of the talks. "1984 will be a year of increased concessions by the US to Israel, not a year for making peace".

He had a final 2½ hour session with the King yesterday after attending military exercises with him earlier in the the week, a symbolic gesture of their reconciliation.

Under the agreement, the infrastructure has been created for future political cooperation. This will include further here by Mr Arafat and what diplomats believe will be attempts to edge his "loyalists" wing of the PLO towards eventual recognition of

The Government will pro-

vide British Aerospace with £250m of launch aid for its

The long-awaited decision was announced yesterday by Mr

Norman Tebbit the Secretary

The Government is

giving British Aerospace all the

financial aid it originally asked

for. The compnay wanted more

than £430m of support, but has

now agreed to find another

£180m from its own resources in addition to the £200m it has

Yesterday's decision, which

will ensure that the A320

project goes ahead, was immediately welcomed by Sir

Austin Pearce, chairman of

British Aerospace. He said that

t would help to secure 6,500

jobs over the next 20 years,

4,500 of them at British

Aerospace and another 2,000

among its component and other

The company also anpounced yesterday that it is to

start full production of another

aircraft, the ATP advanced turboprop airliner. This should

safeguard another 2,000 jobs,

Sir Austin personally thanked Mr Tebbit and the Prime

Minster for listening to his

ing the Airbus project in what

he described as "a long and difficull" process of negotiation.

mostly in the Manchester area.

suppliers.

already promised to provide.

After four days of intensive ing of the key United Nations Mrs Latla Sharaf, Jordan's new During the complex bargain-

between King Husain and Mr ing process now under way, it is on principles upon which we Yassir Arafar, chairman of the understood that the King will could move in the future. But Palestine Liberation Organiza- allow the PLO to step up its no specific elements of any tion, which could pave the way presence in Amman, although concrete nature have been for the emergence of a block of not to the extents of letting in Arab 'moderates' prepared to fighting men.

Mrs Sharaf, added: "I would

> been revived after lying dormant for a year.

US missile sale to Saudi Arabia

enable Mr Arafat to try to sell

Washington (AP) - The Washington Administration has notified Congress it intends to sell 1,200 anti-aircraft missiles to Sandi Arabia in a move aiready meeting oppo-sition from supporters of Israel, a Defence Department spokesman said yesterday. The missiles would be sold for \$141m (£94m) cash.

the idea of cooperation to other elements in the PLO, including member of his Fatah movement. He is expected to press shortly for a crucial session of the ruling Palestine National

Council. "The talks have been successful in clearing the atmosphere which prevailed after the breakdown f the earlier talks on Israel, possibly through redraft- April 10 last year", explained

Government is providing will be made available over the next

development costs of the project British Aerospace will

provide the bulk of the funds in

by means of levys on individual

aircraft as they are eventually

ently finally convinced that the

Airbus project can be profitable,

despite the extremely poor

record of most previous au-

empts to invest public funds in expensive civil aviation pro-

jects. Mrs Thatcher told MPs

last year that she did not want

to be landed with "another

per cent stake in the Airbus

consortium, the other partners being France, West Germany

and Spain. Its role in the A320

is to provide the wings of the

new aircraft, a small to medium-range 150 seat airliner that Mr Tebbit said yesterday

was destined to become the

So far, there have been 51 firm orders for the A320, with

another 45 options from poten-

tial customers. British Aero-

space has calculated that the

Airbus group needs to sell 400

aircraft to make the investment

"workhorse" of the 1990s.

British Aerospace has a 20

The Government is appar-

produced and sold.

Concorde"

company's arguments for back-ing the Airbus project in what sales of 700 A320s over the next

Ready for take-off: A320 will secure 6,500 jobs

15 years.

£250m from state

By Jonathan Davis, Financial Correspondent

share in the development of the four years and is designed to next joint European airliner, the meet the early research and

Information Minister.
"We reached basic agreement

fighting men.

The joint Jordanian-PLO not characterize our agreement Committee for channelling as an initiative nor as a formula
Arab cash to the West-Bank has for solving the Palestinian for solving the Palestinian

Many sensitive issues have One reason for the non-speci-fic nature of the agreement is to the central question of how the Palestinians would be rep-

resented in any future peace regotiations with Israel.

The second is expected to upset the Israeli Government which has emerged as an unlikely ally of the Arab rejectionists in its condemnation of the Amman talks, and the part played in them by a delegation of 40 West Bank Palestinians, who presented a petition to both Mr Arafat and the King urging them to cooperate before it was too late to save any Palestinian land.

Jordan is now braced for violent attempts by Syria. Libya and PLO extremists based in Damascus to try to sabotage the agreement.

The possibility of renewed terrorist attacks against Jordanian targets come less than a month before the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh are due to start their tour of the desert Kingdom. Gemayel in Syria and UN seeks

Smaller Airbus wins Kinnock aid for moves against left

By Anthony Bevins **Political Correspondent**

Mr Neil Kinnock is backing plans to weaken the hold of the firm left on the Labour Party.
Senior party sources said last
night that the Labour leader had endorsed a one-person, one-vote system for the reselection of Labour MPs as candidates from December 9.

present holding their annual meetings, giving MPs an indication of internal party opposition to their reselection, and the Commons is buzzing with speculation about the people who could be dropped.

Tribune, the firm left's weekly newspaper, said yester-day: "Leading Labour MPs whose seats are thought to be in jeopardy include Gerald Kaufman, Manchester, Gorton; Peter Shore, Bethnal Green and Stepney; and John Silkin

They also mentioned Miss Betty Boothroyd, of West Bromwich, West.

The paper, which has strong links with constituency acti-vists, added: "The chances of a ssful attempt to save them

"Trade unions are unlikely to back the so-called 'one-member. one-vote' system because it would result in a decline in the influence of local union branches in selecting candidates."

Mr Kinnock's backing for an

extension of party democracy, probably through branch ballots, could just be enough to break long-standing union re-The alternative would be 18

months of Labour bloodshed wih MPs using all their power to defend themselves against constituency activists, just when the party should be consoldidating for the next election.

It was noted by some Labour sources last night, however that Mr Kinnock's preference apparently went beyond one-person one-vote ballots just for the the figures were disappointing. selection and reselection of The Government has been



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with his wife, Caroline, as the poll caused by Mr Eric Varley's resignation got under way yesterday (Photograph: Harry Kerr).

Thatcher gracious in GCHQ victory

By Julian Haviland, Political Editor

willingness to be magnanimous that the fruits of both would in victory, the Prime Minister endure if in both cases she yesterday thanked the great showed a spirit of conciliation majority of staff of the Governto the vanquished. ment Communications Headquarters for agreeing to relinquish trade union membership, and sympathized with those who had found the

decision difficult. She told the Commons that well over 90 per cent had fallen in with government wishes.

Mrs Margaret Thatcher was Mrs Margaret Thatcher was prompted by a Conservative back beacher. Sir Anthony Meyer, who congrainlated be on showing courage and determination in winning a great victory at Cheltenham which he thought no less significant than her victory in the South her victory in the South

Sir Anthony, MP for Clwyd



Sir Anthony Meyer: Advocated conciliation.

Giving the first sign of North-west asked if she agreed to the vanquished. Prime Minister The

responded at once, saying that her decision had been urged by the GCHQ management but, while she realized it was welcomed by some, it had been exceedingly difficult for others. Tuesday, when she condemned the organized dis-

ruption by trade unions protesting against the policy, Mrs. Thatcher's tone was defiant. Yesicrday she answered quictly. The change earned the approval of backbench Con-

servatives and several senior ministers unhappy about the political price the Government has paid in imposing its will, or rather the Prime Minister's will, at Cheltenham

Some of Mrs Thatcher's colleagues believe that the TUC has had its biggest public relations success for some time in presenting itself as the wronged party. They regret that Mr Len

Murray and the TUC have been stung into acquisescence in unlawful secondary action of which they previously disapproved.

In spite of this regret, a majority of the Cabinet appear to believe that the exclusion of the unions from Cheltenham was the correct decision. Defeated unions, page 2

BP project to create 7,000 jobs

By David Young

BP is to develop tour natural gas fields in the southern sector of the North Sea, involving an investment of £1.3 billion and creating up to 7,000 jobs in the British offshore oil industry.

new production platforms.

The new fields, Cleeton, Ravenspurn, Hyde and Hoten after Yorkshire villages which have disap-peared because of coastal erosion, contain 2.5 trillion

energy terms. BP made made the discoveries some years ago, but in the past 18 months company engineers have been able to more accurately assess the extent of

tiation, is expected to undercut supplies of Norwegian and Dutch gas on both price and delivery.

closed the parts of the abolition mechanism which will affect stait of the threatened councils. A Bill to create the machinery needed for abolition will be published before Easter and a Bill to abolish the councils will follow it. Mr John McDonnell, chairman of the GLC's finance committee, said that ministers

The fields, in water between

fortnight, will place more than 80 per cent of the contracts needed for the fields with British industry. Gas should come ashore in 1987 with full

cubic feet of gas, equivalent to 450 million barrels of oil in

the reserves.

Energy Correspondent

100 and 150 feet, deep, are 40 miles off the Humberside coast and will need seven or eight BP, which is expected to announce record profits in a

supplies to the national net-work starting in 1990.

The gas, which will be sold to British Gas after nego-

Details, page 25 | embarrassment to them.

were showing "callous disegard for thousands of GLC workers and their families." He also

Mr Jenkin explained that the new right for the district and borough councils was the same as that already available to individual electors, he added that the successor borough and district councils will have to consider taking staff from the

abolished councils when they take over the function of those councils. Those who move to similar obs in smaller councils for lower pay will receive lump sums yet to be negotiated with unions. A new quango will be set up to stop threatened councils giving "unjustified" pay rises and promotions.

abolition.

No action taken on journalist

The Director of Public Prosecutions will not be taking action against Mr Duncan Campbell, the New Statesman journalist, whose papers were seized by police after he was knocked unconscious in a bicycle accident. Scotland Yard said last night that Mr Campbell's bag was taken to King's Cross Road police station for safe keeping Mr Campbell commented: They are not taking action because the DPP knows it would be a great

Worsening jobless trend perplexes Whitehall

By Frances Williams, Economics Correspondent

The jobless trend has wor-sened sharply in the first two months of this year after several months of near stability. Though the total number of

people out of work fell last month by nearly 13,300 to 3,186,386, this was much less than the normal February drop. After adjusting for seaona variations and excluding school leavers, the number of unemployed adults rose by 28,600 to 3,004,600, or one in eight of the workforce, similar to increase of 29,900 in January.

This compares with gains of only 1,300 a month in the second half of last year, Mr Tom King, the Employment Secretary, admitted that hoping that unemployment

would steady this year and perhaps decline slightly, as economic recovery continued. But privately officials confessed thay were perplexed. Other evidence suggests that the demand for labour has strengthened. People are working more overtime and employment has begun to rise, while the latest survey of manufactur-ing by the Confederation of British Industry show that

However, vacancies, after rising steeply for much of last year, have been delining for four months.

companies in all sectore were

planning to boost output and

Productivity in industry i still improving rapidly, which suggest that companies are producing more with a smaller

England soccer team faces European ban

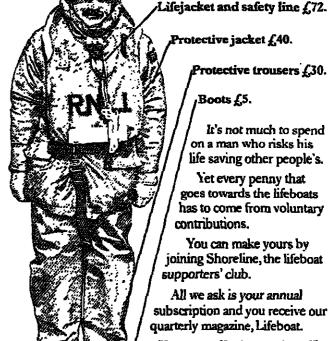
could be banned from playing Paris on Wednesday night.

night from the Sports Minister, Mr Neil Macfarlane, and the Football Association secretary Mr Ted Croker, after Mrs Thatcher condemned fans who disgraced our country's name abroad".

agree that it would be very difficult if not impossible to impose a complete ban on England supporters travelling

Mr Macfarlane said that the FA had done everything in its power to prevent trouble The fear is that the rest of Europe may decide to break off

£5 buys him a pair of boots.



Protective trousers £30. Boots £5. It's not much to spend on a man who risks his

life saving other people's. Yet every penny that goes towards the lifeboats has to come from voluntary contributions.

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Member & Governor (15 or more p.a. Life Member & Governor

£150 or more. (Or) I enclose a donation of £__

Royal National

Pensions rise rejected by Thatcher

The Prime Minister yesterday rejected demands for an increase in the basic rates of

retirement pensions. She met a delegation from the National Pensioners' Conven-Commons, but told them that the Government could not agree to an £8.40 increase in the single person's pension to £42,45, and a £13,75 rise to £68,25 for a married couple.

Mrs Thatcher told them their plans would mean a sharp increase in national insurance contributions. Mr Jack Jones, former

general secretary of the transport workers' union, who led the delegation, thanked Mrs Thatcher for the meeting, but told her: "We leave frustrated and disappointed". Pensioners' rally, page 5

Package deal on zoos London sends camels to Qatar

London Zoo this week opened the first in what omises to become one of Britain's most extraordinary exclusive exports to the Gulf management, head keepers, oil shaikhs.

It has put together the first. "package zoo", opened in Doha, Qatar, and that has meant taking coals a great deal further than Newcastle: among the nearly 300 animals transported to the Arabian desert are three camels. Mr David Jones, director of

zoos, is quick to emphasize that the camels are bactrians, not the one-humped dromedaries indigenous to the region. "We thought they would be intrigued by the two-humped variety, and we were right", he said vesterday, after returning from the 200's opening ceremony.

By Colin Hughes London Zoo has not only exported an ark-load of specialinterest beasts in two plane loads but also provided 200

and recruited 120 staff. Mr Jones and his consultancy team work alongside a British architect and construction group to produce a complete zoo design. In this case Bonington's of St Albans drew up the plans but preparations are being made to do the same with other British firms. The charge is in the region of £25m a zoo.

The Doha zoo is based on the rebuilt palace of a former shalkh, who established 10 acres of mature woodland in the desert around his home. "As you can imagine, the conditions are not normally ideal for

keeping animals which com from a variety of climates and need plenty of water, which is why the design is so crucial", said Mr Jones. So far the consultancy is

bringing in only £200,000 a year to London Zoo, and Whinsnade. But another 200 is being built in Kewait, and sketches are underway for a National Zoo in Sharjah - one of the United Arab Emirates. Jordan, Sandi Arabia

Oman, Libya, and Algeria are also expressing keen interest. "We have done nothing to promote this at all yet and are only considering proposals made to us. But we are shortly going to have to decide whether to expand to cope with the

The England football team

in Europe after the violence in That was the warning last

Ministers and soccer officials

fixtures against England

NUJ faces demand to make Dimbleby strike official and defy law

By Barrie Clement, Labour Reporter

entities.

leaders will decide today whether to defy the law after the House of Lords refused yesterday to lift an injuction taken out amount to more than £75,000. by David Dimbleby, the broad-

The union executive will be faced with strong pressure to again make official a strike by nine journalists at Mr Dimbleby's Richmond and Twickenham Times newspaper group. It would then risk sequestration of assets, as happened to the moveme National Graphical Associ-structure

Left-wingers arguing that Mr
Dimbleby, who has been under
pressure from NUJ members at
Policy Studies, said yesterday the BBC to give up his contract that it was unlikely companies to present Budget programmes this month, will back down from a formal conflict.

It is also possible that the

It is also possible that the that would be a consideration NUJ would want TUC ap- when corporate structures were proval for such a step.

the union had been taking secretary, said: "This judgment illegal secondary action against could well open the floodgates

National Union of Journalist the non-union TBF Printers, to for employers to renege on which production of Mr Dimagreements. It will permit the bleby's papers was transferred. setting up of ancillary companies where previous agree-Costs to the union could ments would not prevail and where there would be a strong The judgment concurred with deterrent to unionization".

that of the Court of Appeal, which decided that TBF Print-Ms Joanna Davies, chairman ers and T Bailey Forman, with of the NUJ chapel (office which the union has a dispute branch) at Richmond, said the nine striking journalists had since 1978, were separate legal proposed a motion for today's The ruling has profound implications for the labourexecutive meeting urging that the strike be made official again. movement and for company

Mr Dimbleby said that it would be most unwise for the Mr Graham Mather, of the union to make the dispute

> He said that the contract with TBF Printers ended in October and would be reviewed.

Lord Diplock said that if to a full trial of their damages action, the NUJ would be liable for damages up to a maximum of £125,00, and unlimited fines. Law Report, page 20

Labour 'nudged over precipice'

Mr Ken Ashton, NUJ general

vesterday that five noble and learned Law Lords had nudged them finally over a legal

In upholding a decision by the Court of Appeal, the House of Lords not only set the seal on the illegality of a dispute between the National Union of Journalists (NUJ) and a company owned by Mr David Dimbleby, the broadcaster, but also pointed the way to a loophole through which, union leaders fear, anti-union employers will inevitably pour. The kernel of the Law Lords'

ruling, as far as the unions and corporate lawyers are concerned, is the decision that TBF Printers and T. Bailey Forman companies with an identical ownership, place of business, telephone number, and similar management - are separate legal entities under labour law. It follows that action by

journalists employed by Mr Dimbleby on his Richmond and Twickenham Times series of newspapers to stop the flow of copy to the non-union TBF Printers, appointed last October to take over from "in-house" union printers, constitutes illegal secondary action.

If Mr Dimbleby had transferred the printing of his newspapers to T. Bailey Forman, a company with which the NUJ has been in perfectly legal dispute for the past five years concerning the Nottingham Evening Post, the industrial action would have been immune under the Employment

March, 1983: Mr David Dimbleby starts negotiations with the National Graphical Associ-

in print works. August: Negotiations break down. Two redundancies announced. NGA calls a strike. Last issues of Dimbleby newspapers printed on August 19. October: Mr Dimbleby closes the printing plant and dismisses 24 NGA men on strike. Contrac is started with nonunion TBF Printers. National Union of Journalists (NUJ) instructs members employed by Mr Dimbleby not to supply copy. The 13 journalists who take action are suspended. Mr Dimbleby applies for injunction restraining the NUJ. Dimbleby newspapers reappear, printed

November: Judge grants an injunction, but the 13 journalists decide to stay on strike.

explosion of activity at Companies House. It would appear that under the Act an employer who operates through one company

could now divide it into separate corporate entities (ie, companies) thus making it less likely for a business to be thut down by industrial action because of a grievance concerning one of its parts.

The ruling also means that while secondary acton against separate businesses which are first suppliers to a company in dispute remains lawful, action against a company which is to all intents and purposes ident-Union leaders believe that ical to the company involved in the ruling will result in an the dispute can be illegal.

NUJ fails to win plea at the Appeal Court. December: NUJ told by Sir John Donaldson that it will be in contempt of court if it refuses to reverse strike instructions. NUJ refuses. Later leave is granted for appeal to the House of Lords if instruction rescinded. National executive withdraws its instruction, but strikers vote to stay out. Mr Dimbleby wins a further High Court injunction ordering the NUJ to "distance" itself from the dispute and guarantee that no disciplinary action will be taken against journalists who

return to work.

January 1984: A special delegate meeting of the NUJ reaffirms the right of the union to defy the law on matters of principle. Calls on TUC for

February: House of Lords turns down the NUJ appeal.

In arriving at the Court of Appeal decision, Sir John Donaldson commented on the sceming anomalies: "It may strike people as odd that the liability of the defendants should depend upon what they reasonably regard as almost being a matter of chance, namely whether the directors of TBF Group decided to arrange that one subsidiary should employ journalists and another undertake printing, as con-trasted with deciding that one subsidiary should undertake

both printing and journalism. Whether or not the defendants would be right so to regard the position, that appears without doubt to be the law."

Shah wins £73,653 damages

more than £73,000 damages from the National Graphical Association (NGA) by a High Court judge in Chester yester-

month dispute, but mainly when mass picketing reached its

Mr Shah, who was not in court for the ruling, said later that he was very pleased with

boys have had to pay for the damage they did", he said. Mr Charles Garside, who represented Mr Shah, said the NGA had indicated that they would be appealing against the decision to the Court of Appeal. Provincial newspaper employers last night lodged the 'strongest possible protest" in a

letter to the Broadcasting Complaints Commission over the Channel Four programme "Diverse Reports" on Wednesday evening, which considered attempts to introduce new technology into newspaper

Mr Shah, chief of the Stockport Messenger Newspaper Group, won his appeal against an earlier court decision which allowed the NGA to defend against his claim for damages during picketing at the group's printing works at

Following a two-day hearing in private last week, the Judge, Mr Justice Wood, yesterday awarded £73,653 and interest to be assessed for damages and security costs during the six-

Liberals give Liverpool an alternative budget By David Walker, Social Policy Correspondent

Liverpool's ratepayers were presented for the first time claims of needing 5,000 redunyesterday with an alternative to dancies or a huge rate increase the budget arithmetic of the city to meet the spending target are council's ruling Labour group.

a figment of their imagination. council's ruling Labour group. - a figment of their imagination.

The Liberals, the council's li is all designed to try to second largest party, gave details of a 1984-85 budget, to march and riot."

reports circulating of trouble in Britain.

nor a disruption of services. Sir Trevor Jones, the coun-

cil's Liberal leader until Labour's victory at the May election, said his party's alterna- first stage of "rate-capping" tive exposed the politicking of next year. the majority.

The Liberals claim a work-able budget costing £220m could be achieved through the sale of council-owned land, a recruitment freeze, redeploy-ment of staff and various financial manouevres, such as the charging of house repairs to the capital rather than the current account.

Sir Trevor admitted the key was cooperation from the municipal unions. The 5,800 members of the National and Local Government Officers' Association will note next on a motion condemning all cuts and backing the Labour budget

was killed there by Gaddafi confirm the claims about thee gunmen in 1980. amount of material received. A few weeks later a Libyan The claims in The Economlawyer, Mr Mahmoud Abbu Nafa, was shot dead im Kensington In June 1980 Mr ist, which come from American sources, are likely to embarrass from Whitehall and the Yard yesterday talks only of "factions in the Libyan community". However, the warning, given in telling The Times that two more

the United States acutely in its relations with South American countries if they are confirmed. The report suggests that

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CHESTERFIELD

US 'pledge

to replace

UK carrier'

The United States was

By Rodney Cowton Defence Correspondent

prepared to supply a replace-

ment ship if either of Britain's

carriers with the Falklanda task

force, HMS Invincible or HMS

Hermes, had been lost, an

article says in today's issue of

The article, by Simon Jen-

kins, political editor, also says

that in the later stages of the conflict Britain persuaded the

Americans to move a military

satellite from its orbit over the

northern hemisphere to cover

It says the Value of American

material supplied to Britain was \$60m, excluding the cost of 200

Sidewinder missiles and 12.5m

The Ministry of Defence said

last night that it never com-mented on intelligence matters

and was not prepared to

The Economist.

the Falklands area.

gallons of aviation fuel.

given on the initiative of Mr Caspar Weinburger, the US Defence Secretary, and know-ledge of it was at times concealed from other members of the Administration.

in The Times - to back a "club or society" at Cheltenham to maintain entact with former Despite those attempts to maintain a presence at the centre unions yesterday made a tacit admission that their Mr William McCall, chair-

man of the Civil Service trade unions, said: "If it is a victory for Mrs Thatcher it is one which has earned her the contempt of all staff of GCHQ, the whole of the Civil Service and the trade union movement, and of every fair-minded democrat in this country".

that officials of the six unions represented at Cheltenham had been asked by the management as long as necessary to obtain to hand over their branch files. justice." Mr Gerry Gillman, general The letter re-states the secretary of the Soiety of Civil unions commitment to make and Public Servants, said up the take-home pay of agreement had been reached for dismissed union members and

Defeated GCHQ unions try to pick up the pieces

Trade union acivists at the one finger on them we shall Government Communications immediately institute legal Headquarters (GCHQ) in Chel- action because they are union

tenham who have refused to resign their union membership have been told by the management that they will still have members at the centre for the formers to find the staff of Unions have set up alternative arrangements for representing their members in GCHQ today. The Civil Service unions also confirmed plans - disclared

group of union activists will eventually number fewer than 100. The unions believe that the Government will not want to run the risk of a TUC-backed 24-hour national day of action by seeking dismissals. They also argue that some of the staff who opposition to the Government's are refusing to accept the ban on unions had failed. Government's terms are vital to the efficient operation of GCHQ.

A letter sent yesterday by the Council of Civil Service Unions to GCHQ staff who have indicated they wish to remain union members says: "We are determined not to concede the organization and representation Union leaders also disclosed at GCHQ. This fight is not going to end now, we are determined to keep it going for

security staff to supervise the also give legal support to any destruction of confidential in- membr who is dismissed or formation in the files.

"After that the files will be to continue representing you by removed from GCHQ and if all means available to us", it

More action Unions set days are threatened

Further "days of action" might follow Tuesday's half-day

protest by trade uniionists against the Government's ban on union membership at the at the Cheltenham communications headquarters. Mr Len Murray, general secretary of the Trades Union Congress, said yesterday.

Mr Murray made a fund-raisng businessman's lunch for the Jewish Blind Society at the London Hilton the occasion for his most outspoken attack so far on the Prime Minister for her handling of the affair. He said she treated trade

unions like children, "voracious at one end and uncontrollabe at the other", and had bracketed them with subversive organizations by her implication that it was impossible to be a trades unionist and be trustworthy.

"I do wish she would not spend half of her time denoucing us for irresopnsibility, while spending the other half deliber-

He said that he and his TUC colleagues had been negotiating with Mr Tom King, the Secretary of State for Employ-ment a few weeks earlier and had saved the Government political levy to the Labour

He himself had been speaking to Conservative backbenchers within the past week, and would be doing so again.

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up local alternative

From Craig Seton

The nuts and bolts of a Cheltenham-based Civil Service trade union organization were put together vesterday to represent members of GCHQ staff who have refused to give up union membership.

The unions believe that more than 200 members of staff will have either refused to give up union membership or seek a transfer or will have signed the union's own option form stating their wish to remain at GCHO and in a trade union by last night's midnight deadline for the return of option forms.

Local Civil Service union coordinators believe that the numbers involved in their "hard-core" support inside GCHQ might be sufficient to force management to consider an alternative to sacking them. Mr Mike Barke, Cheltenham

Civil Service unions, said the newly-established local organiately denying us any responsi- zation would attempt to provide an organization for GCHQ staff who had signed Option B asking for a transfer - or who had signed the union's own Option C

Overseas selling prices

RETIREMENT **PROVISION** WENEED YOUR VIEWS

The Secretary of State for Social Services is leading an Inquiry into Provision for Retirement in the UK, with the following terms of reference:

"To study the future development, adequacy and costs of State, occupational and private provision for retirement in the United Kingdom, including the portability of pension rights, and to consider possible changes in those arrangements taking account of the recommendations of the Select Committee on Social Services in their report on retirement age."

The Inquiry has invited evidence separately on personal portable pensions, and a large volume of interesting and helpful comment has been received. The Inquiry now wishes to invite views on the broader issues in its terms of reference-

- the implications for pensions of a larger and older retired population
- the balance between State and occupational pensions
- the impact of pensions on savings and the
- the age at which people should be able to retire on pensions

If you wish to submit evidence, you may do so directly in writing to the Secretary of the Inquiry at the address below. If you belong to an organisation concerned in this matter, please submit your evidence through them. We need to receive all views by 31 March,

The Inquiry is considering general issues, and cannot help with individual problems.

Send your evidence to:

The Inquiry into Provision for Retirement, Room 52, Hannibal House, Elephant & Castle, London SE1 6TE.

Warrington.

height in November.

the decision. "I am pleased that the bully

Sir Trevor said: "Labour's

Church remarriage for divorced couple

Anti-Gaddafi groups go fur-ther and say they have been expecting attacks from Tripoli-

controlled groups for some

have been circulating of trouble

between factions in the Libyan

community. This trouble may come to a head tomorrow.

Police are taking the reports

The statement says that in

1980 newspaper kiosks and dewsagents selling Arab news-papers were attacked and could

again be targets. A considerable number of police will be

guarding the mosque in

Regent's Park in London and

the statement points out that Mr. Mohammed Mustafa Ramadan, a Libyan journalist.

The statement said: "Reports

Yard on alert over

Libyan attack fear

By Henry Stanhope and Stewart Tendler

The Foreign Office and between factions". A police Scotland Yard issued an urgent source indicated last night that

warning yesterday to leading there has not in fact been any figures in London's Libyan trouble to date.

community that they could face

attack today on a key anniver-

sary in Colonel Gaddafi's

Yard including the anti-terrorist squad and elements of the

placed on alert and police

guards are to be mounted on

potential targets. Protection is

some Libyan exiles while others

may be told to take precautions.

The information on possible

attacks is understood to flave come partly through intelligence

sources. Today is the antiver-sary of the beginning of a congress in Libya in 1977 which

changed the status of Libya into

and in several years there has

been speculation early in March

of atacks by pro-Gaddafi

The speculation has always

centred on special squads sent

from Libya but the warning

Specialist groups at Scotland

Branch have been

expected to be provided for seriously

be financed by a rate rise of Rates in Basildon, Essex, between 6 and 9 per cent, are to rise by more than 8 per involving neither redundancies cent next month, the Labourled council decided last night. That increase confirms the council's position at the head of the Government's list for the



Sir Trevor Jones: union cooperation would be needed

Sale room

Bishop's secret 'life' sold By Geraldine Norman, Sale Room Correspondent

The British Library spent me to say so," D Waley, keeper 1,650 yesterday on a secret of manuscripts, said yesterday on copy of a seventeenth-century memoir, made without the author's permission. The pre-The bishop's posthumously published *History of his Own Time* is one of the main sources viously unknown manuscript of for the great revolution of 1688. Bishop Burnet's The History of It is based on his memoirs my own Life and of the most around 1703 the bishop decided Remarkable Things I have known and Observed in the his "Life" from his "L known and Observed in the World came up for auction at Lawrence's of Crewkerne in had been sent for sale by the widow of the last Earl Paulett, in 1973, and can be

rs, were at the sale to buy the manuscript on the library's behalf. "It seems to me very cheap, though it may be rash of

rapist Police were yesterday huning

a man who tied up and raped two girls aged 10 in Stockport, Greater Manchester, on Wednesday night. They were playing in the street near their homes when the man asked them to help him look for his lost dog.

Correction Mr Colin Howard and Mr Laurence Tomsett. who were convicted at the

who died in 1973, and can be identified as that copy. It is more complete than the surviving part of the Bishop's own

bought 120 chickens. The chickens laid eggs and soon there were 2,500 chickens on the farm. And Miriam began her lessons at High School ... It's not the sort of story you often hear from the Third World.

Signature

Hunt for

Central Criminal Court on Wednes day on charges of conspiracy to steal, falsifying accounting docu-ments, and interfering with a computer to deceive the Morgan Guaranty Trust Bank, both pleaded

TTLE·MIRIAM SHE lived with her But things are changing. Foster Parents Plan is a worldwide mother, her father and her sister in a small hut in organisation now helping over 200,000 children and their Yogyakarta, Indonesia. Life was hard because they didn't families - and helping them to have enough land to support help themselves. themselves and Miriam had Although you may never see to work all day instead of the child you sponsor you going to School. come to care for him or But Miriam had foster her through letters, pictures parents in England. With and regular reports. their help, her father Community development. Education, Medicine. Advice. And love. You can do so much to change the world, and at only L9 a month, it costs so little. More foster parents are urgently needed all around ie world. Please phone or send the coupon today so that we can Famine, war, natural disasters . . . tell you what we're doing and how you can help. it seems that nothing ever changes. I am interested but would like you to send more details ☐ I enclose my first month's £9. Please tell me about my Foster Child ☐ I would like to pay by Access/Visa (Credit card payment to become Foster Parents must be semi-annual or annual)

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Thatcher brands violent football fans a disgrace to Britain

Damage estimated at £60,000 Rovers and Range Rovers, were ferries on the journey to and to cars on the dockside of Dunkirk testified yesterday to the havor caused by British football fans on Wednesday as they made their way to Paris.

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The new BL models, awaiting transit to Italy, were in a sealed compound, but that did not prevent a handful of hooligans playing dodgems while they waited for a train.

Yesterday 10 battered cars lay scattered around the large transit yard as insurance assessors for BL catalogued the destruction. The full toll was: four Metros, three Acclaims, two Maestros and one Mini.

M Michel Bataillie, Phoenix Assurance assistant manager at Dunkirk, said: These supporters hought their tickets individually like other passengers and it was only at Dover that British police were alerted to possible prob-

M Bataillie said there were about 300 supporters on the charged in connexion with the French Sealink ferry St Eloi, but by the time it docked with smashed windows and covered in broken bottles there was no time to bring in French police.

a contract killer were sentenced

to life imprisonment at the

Central Crminal Courty yester-day, with a recommendion that

they should serve a minimum

Anthony Bellchambers, aged 38, and Lawrence Shirey, aged 54,

that they had cunningly planned

and carried out the "terrible

murder" of Mr Norman Cleary.

aged 38, a Fleet Street printer.
The judge said that Bell-

chambers, a prosperous electri-

cal supplier, of Highfield Close,

Braintree, Essex, had bought the

death of Mr Cleary, of Bale Close, Colchester, who was living with Mrs Christine Bellehambers, his wife.

from the police force after being

iailed in the 1960s for armed robbery at a hostel, acted for

revenge and from a juealous

Meat trader is

cleared in

perjury trial

Graham Vaughan, a meat trader, walked free from the Central Criminal Court yester-

day cleared of deliberately

scuttling a ship laden with

corned beef in a £1m insurance

Mr Vaughan, aged 40, said he was now bankrupt. The man

who had a £500,000 home in

Esher, Surrey, and drove a

Rolls-Royce with personalized number plates, said: "I owe nearly £300,000.

'I would like to pay every

farthing I owe. But I don't see

how it's possible." The case, he said, had lost him his home,

parts of his family and a lot of

Mr Vaughan bought a con-signment of corned beef for

In 1979, he exported the meat

to Cyprus. He insured the cargo with a Lloyd's syndicate for flm - more than ten times

what he paid for it - by telling

lies. Mr Green alleged.
After various other deals fell

through, said Mr Green, Mr

Vaughan arranged for the corned beef to be loaded onto

an old Greek ship. This was

perjury and of two charges of

obtaining pecuniary advantages

then deliberately scuttled. Mr Vaughan, of Ridgeway, Wimbledon, was cleared of

by deception

£94,000 seven years ago.

dismissed

ambushed and

beaten over the head by Shirley shooting at police.

The two men were convicted of murdering Mr Cleary, who him. Shirley who was Canadian

died in hospital three weeks born, had served a 20-year

Bellchambers,

Mr Justice Leonard told

Two in love triangle

murder jailed for life

A former police constable and at a block of flats in Islington,

damaged.

The fans' behaviour "disgraced our country's name abroad", the Prime Minister

told the Commons today.

Labour MPs said that
National Front members could have organized much of the violence. But the sports Minister, Mr

Neil Macfarlane said that he did not know whether coordinated minority groups were involved.

Mr Macfarlane will meet the chairman and secretary of the Football Association today to

discuss the incident. "I fully intend to continue to urge all concerned to do everything possible to rid the game of these mindless louts and to urge European countries to use stringent penalties against convicted offenders to act as a deterrent."

Six Britons were still detained in prison last night after being violent incidents before, during and after the international in Paris on Wednesday.

Twenty-six others who had been arrested were released after However, he said it was amazing that only 10 out of several hundred cars, including damage caused to trains and

north London, in November,

Mr James Rant, QC for the

prosecution, said that although

Bellchambers was a prime

suspect he had a "cast-iron alibi". He was drinking with a

number of people at a public house in south London, many

miles away from where Mr

house and gave two long blasts

on the horn, a pre-arranged

signal to Bellchambers that the

'contract" had been carried out.

It was not until last summer

Within minutes of the attack Shirley drove past the public

Cleary was struck down.

report to detectives.

sentence for armed robberv

Glue sniffers

outside drink

law, say judges

By Frances Gibb

Legal Affairs Correspondent A person found intoxicated

from glue-sniffing cannot be

charged with the offence of

being drunk and disorderly, two

High Court judges ruled yester-

In a decision that will

strengthen the case for a reform

where the intoxication was a

He dismissed an application

substance other than alcohol.

by a prosecutor, Mr John Neale,

against a decision last April by magistrates in Wells, Somerset.

need is legislation to extend the

meaning of drunkenness to

include intoxicatiom from other

causes.

from London. Further incidents involving British fans were reported yesterday. In Calais, a hotel was badly damaged, and on the Paris to London mail train, the sealed mail compartment was broken into.

Those charged in connexion with the overturning of a car whose driver was seriously injured have been named as: Joseph Keogh, aged 20, from Bolton: Paul Baker, aged 19, from Middlesex; and David Baldry, aged 21, from Alder-

Adrian Hind, aged 18, believed to come from Cornwall, has been charged with damag-ing a vehicle; Brian Drury, aged 20, address not known, has been charged with carrying a knife; and William Robertson, aged 23. from Bournemouth, has been charged with breaking windows and injuring a policeman while resisting arrest.

Mr Kenneth Warburton, aged 22, from Stockport, who was stabbed in the back at the match was still in hospital last night,

The Labour MP for Blackburn. Mr Jack Straw had told the Commons: "A group was carrying a banner called the Blackburn National Front."

Man killed wife, sons and himself

A sales manager shot dead his wife, two sons and himself after hearing that she was having an affair and wanted a divorce and that he was to lose his £10,000a-year job, an inquest was told

yesterday.
Mr David Cook, aged 39, his wife Pauline, aged 34, Nathan, aged 12, and Benjamin, aged 11, were found in their burning home near Goole, Humberside,

in January.

Mrs Cook's hands and ankles had been tied. The children were in their bedroom. The first

shot had missed Benjamin, who had struggled. Det Insp Archibald Todd said a film about a husband who committed suicide after discovering his wife's affair, was

that details of the contract came to light when Mrs Bellchambers, by then divorced, made a found in the video recorder.

Verdicts of unlawful killing A "middle man" who had taken cash payments from and suicide were recorded. Bellchambers to Shirley, total-

ling £10,000 was traced. When Shirley, demolition worker, interrogated both Bellchambers of Norval Green, Brixton, and an alcoholic, turned executioner for greed, the judge added. In It 10,000 was marker, when interrogated both Bellchambers and Shirley confessed but an alcoholic, turned executioner for greed, the judge added. Drink guard on cladren's train

A drunken railway guard had to be removed from a special hancicapped children, York magistrates heard yesterday.

Malcolm Mack, aged 40, of South Shields, Tyne and Wear, was finded £150 after admitting being drunk on duty. Mack -since dismissed - had drunk the equivalent of 10 pints of beer.

Order to return tomcat refused

A dispute over the ownership of a ginger tomcat at the centre of a Crown court case remained unresolved yesterday when magistrates at Redbridge, northeast London, refused a request to issue an order for the cat to be returned to Police Constable John Sewell and his wife Anna.

of the law, Lord Justice Goff, sitting with Mr Justice Mann, said the offence could not apply Exam blow to coloured PCs

Low educational standards are holding back the recruit-ment of coloured policemen, They had acquitted a young the Chief Constable of Cam bridgeshire, Mr Ian Kane, says in his annual report published person of being guilty, while drunk, of disorderly behaviour. vesterday.

The Magistrates' Association and Justices' Clerks' Society Despite a recruiting drive launched two years ago, there are only eight coloured con-stables in the Cambridgeshire have urged a reform of the law on drunkenness so that police would have power to detain force of 1,140. But Mr Kane glue-sniffers. says he will not reduce entrance Mr Brian Harris, clerk to Poole justices and former president of the Justices' Clerks' Society, said yesterday: "The decision is undoubtedly right against the background of the Licensing Act. But what we now need is legislation to extend the qualifications.

Inquest award

The chief constable of Mer-seyside, Mr Kenneth Oxford, was ordered in the High Court in London yesterday to pay legal costs of more than £30,000 incurred by four police officers at the inquest in 1980 on Jimmy Kelly, aged 54, a labourer, who died in police custody.

Body in lake

The police have started a murder inquiry after the body of a woman was found on Wednesday tied with rope and trussed in a plastic sheet at the bottom of Wast Water, Cumbria, England's deepest lake.

Extradition plea

Ernest Kirkwood, who faces a double murder charge in the United States, was refused leave to appeal yesterday by the House of Lords appeal committee against the dismissal of his plea for a writ of habeas corpus delaying extradition.

MP wins action

Mr Jeffrey Rooker, Labour MP for Birmingham, Perry Barr, accepted undisclosed libel



her baby, Lisa, born on February 29 this year at Princess Alexandra Hospital at RAF Wroughton, Wiltshire. The chances of the coincidence are three million to one, Mr Richard

'Mediocre' ferries criticized

By Derek Harris Many car ferry services to the Continent, investigated by Holiday Which? last summer, were "mediocre, with drab surroundings, unimaginative catering, and irritatingly long queues even when the ship was nowhere near full".

A few ships were even comfortable short crossing unpleasant to travel on, accord- Olau Line's Sheerness ing to the report on the inspectors' investigations. Some services, however, were worth recommending, the re-port says. These were: Sally the

Viking Line's Ramsgate-Dunkirk service for the most

Vlissingen ferries for the most comfortable medium-length crossing: DFDS for comfortable Scandinavian crossings. Townsend-Thorensen considered the best of the big

Dallas businessmen on London mission to change an image

The inhabitants of Dallas are fed up with their city's television image, but the 18 top businessmen coming to London in two weeks' time to change that impression could confirm viewers' prejudices.

The man reputed to be the richest Texan, Mr Trammel S Crow, whose personal fortune is estimated at more than \$500m, will be in the group.

The party is sparing no expense to get the message across, hiring the Churchill Hotel for the day.

The British Overseas Trade Board has been asked to invite 100 businessmen to a free

The board said: "They are anxious to put across the real industrial and economic profile of Dallas, to get it away from the oil and cattle ranching image of the television series.

But they are genuinely putting a great emphasis on trade opportunities. They say

they want to meet British businessmen who can sell them high-technology products in things like electronics and defence equipment, and quality consumer goods, such Cothing and furniture."

The group will also argue that Dallas is the best location for a distribution site for the Southern states

Mr Crow is the chairman of the 175-acre Dallas Market Center, said to be the world's largest wholesale trade market. The Texas Business maga-

zine recently reported how he had built Info Mart, 2 "glittering replica of the former Crystal Palace. It is, however, the career of

the group leader, Major Starke Taylor, which seems to epito-mize the self-made American millionaire. He started in the cotton business at 13 and sold his merchanting company to a Swiss buyer in 1980. He retains a seat on the

board, is the director of Dallas's First City Bank, the Dallas and US Telephone Communications Inc. and chairman of a property development and investment consultancy company.

To emphasize high-tech-nology, the mission includes Mr Henry Smyth, who heads the army helicopter improvement programme at Bell

Britain loses 1,000 petrol stations every year

By David Young, Energy Correspondent

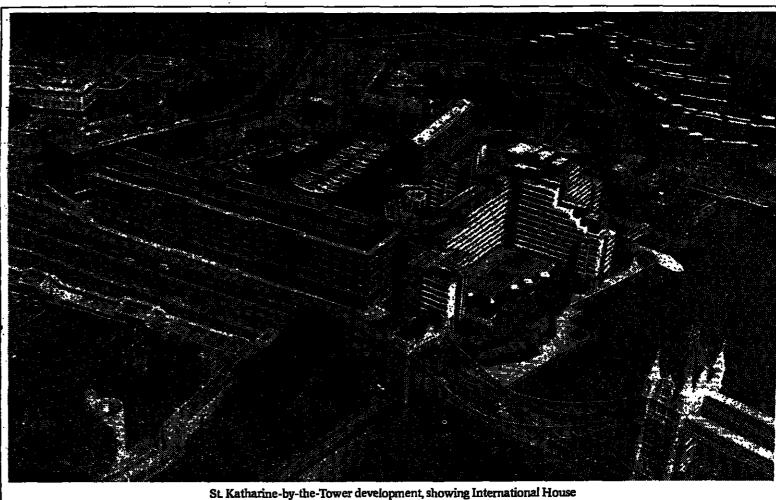
Britain is losing 1,000 petrol stations a year, according to figures issued by Petroleum Review, the Institute of Petroleum's monthly publication.

The institute's figures show that although the number is falling new brands continue to appear on forecourts and the number of self-service stations continues to rise by about 500 a

Last year, five new brands

appeared - BFC, Peak, Consort, Quest and Spitfire. By contrast, the number of stations owned by the main oil companies fell

There are now 23,097 petrol stations in Britain, comprising 19,746 in England and Wales, 2.061 in Scotland, 1,109 in Northern Ireland, 141 in the Isle of Man. Of that total 8,718



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A prioress was cleared by a

court yesterday of heresment.

of the Convent of the Green of

the Holy Paraclete at Speaton

Castle, near Wintby, North Yorkshire, had plended not guilty at Whitby Magistrates

Court to cutting mean services to Mrs Peggy Marsh, a widow. nuns who saunched a verbal Daily Express accusing him of attack on her to get her out of hypocrisy in buying a council the accommodation, he said. aged 67, and unlawfully depriv-

Mrs Peggy Marsh (left) and Mother Janet.

Court clears prioress

nuns who launched a verbal Daily Express accusing him of

Rylands, for Mrs Marsh, that

water and electricity in accommodation where Mrs Marsh had been living were cut off in mid-December. She had gone there for a few days last November, and, after breaking a finger decided to stay on for treatment at a local hospital.

damages at the High Court in Before Christmas Mrs Marsh London yesterday in settlement of his action over a report in the Wilkinson: BA confidence

in Rolls engines

the lines in the White Paper relating to my department will clearly have to be amended to cover this project but total expenditure agreed for the

I share his hopes that we will be

able to see some of the military aircraft programmes go ahead as well but I hope he will direct that question to the Secretary of State for Defence (Mr Michael Heseltine)

Mr Bruce Millan (Glasgow, Govan Lab): Since Roll-Royce engines did

not succeed in penetrating the

this help to the A320, or at least is there an understanding, that the V2500 engine will be available for the A320 and what are the

Mr Tebbit: I have spoken about this

10 my French and German colleagues. There is little doubt that

by most customers for the A320. Mr John Wilkinson (Ruislip and Northwood, Cr. We are on the threshold of a historic opportunity which should not be missed. Would

ensure that adequate launch aid

is available for the V2500, since Brilish Airways, probably the most prospective customer for the A320, have always expressed confidence in

Mr Tebbit: Indeed. Rolls-Royce

have already announced their intention of going ahead with the

V2500 programme. It is just a matter of the details of financing

which are to be agreed. The fact that Rolls-Royce have felt able to go

Aerospace works in my constituency where 4,000 workers are

employed. Can he guarantee that my constituents will get a fair share

Mr Tebbit: They will be able to

stake their claim for a proper share

Mr Lewis Carter-Jones (Eccles, Lab): Would he make sure that the

V2500 is acceptable to the A320

Mr Tebbit: I hope that British

airlines will find the A320 the best on offer and that the Rolls-Royce

engine will be the best to put on it.
Now that the engine has been

formally launched the consortium is

entering into discussions with

industry with a view to ensuring

that the engine is on offer on the A320 from the beginning of the

not yet sure when payments would

start in the markinal areas of the

capital grant rates for the high hills.

He thought it would be in the next financial year. The hill land

compensatory amounts would be

cligible for payment from January 1.

For farmers wishing to appear

against exclusion from the less

favoured area classification, be

would announce later the represen-

at interfering with a civilized existence. (Laughter and cheers).

Only the other day they tried to prevent members of the police force taking a drink occasionally. Now

they want to stop smoking on buses.

I never travel on a bus - I have the

opportunity of using a car - but this

Some people want to stop this place going on. That is another example of aggravation. Lord Kinnoull often asks sensible

questions but on this occasion it is

completely uncivilized. (Laughter).

is going a bit too far.

tation procedure.

of the work on this aircraft.

of the airbus A320 work?

without modification?

been so low, nor when there had overproduction and overspending been such apprehension about the on the budget and we have to do

In Mr Jopling's future nego- Mr Jopline said later that he was

ahead indicates their confidence. Mr Barry Jones (Alwyn and Desside, Lab): There will be relief and pleasure in the British

rine will be the one demanded

earlier airbus, is it a conditio

respective timescales involved?

A320 airbus gets £250m launch aid from Government

Government launch aid of £200m had been agreed with British Aerospace for the A320 European airbus, My Norman Tebbit, Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, announced in a statement to the Commons. As a result of the agreement, he understood that British Aerospace would now join its partners in formally lanuching

the airbus programme.

He explained that Mr Norman Lamont, Minister of State for industry, would be meeting his French, German and Spanish colleagues shortly to endorse this. British Aerospace would also proceed, without Government assistance, with the ATP (advanced

truboprop) aircraft without Govern-ment assistance. That, said Mr Tebbit, was a tribute to the comapny and testimony to the fact that the launch aid for the A320 was Mr Tebbit, in his statement, said

that last November the Government had announced launch aid of £70m to assist with the develop-ment of the E4 version of the Rollshad announced launch aid of ment of the E4 version of the Rolls-Royce RB211-535 engine now powering all Boeing 757s in airline service. Earlier this month, ap-proval had been given for Rolls-Royce to participate in the V2500 project, and to collaborate with General Electric of the USA on larger civil engines.

These programmes (he continued) represent the core of a civil engine strategy based on inter-national collaboration and dedi-cated to commercial success. The House will be informed when launch aid arrangements for the V 300 are finalised but as with the E4 scheme the Government will expect a real return on the

taxpayer's investment.
In September 1982 launch aid of £41m to assist Westland was agreed for their W30 civil helicopter and last month the Government an-nounced £60m in launch aid towards Westland's civil costs in the Anglo-Italian EH101 project for a helicopter for civil and naval use in

the 1990s and beyond.

These investments will help to bring Westland into the expanding with a return in real terms by a levy

Aerospace have now programme and to launch the ATP.
The Government have reached agreement with British Aerospace on the terms of launch aid for the 320. Launch aid of up to £250m repayable on terms designed to yield a return in real terms on the Government's investment has now

Taken together, these decisions expressed a clear commitment by the Government to support the

About 28,000 British farmers in the

for higher capital grants, Mr Michael Jopling, Minister for Agriculture, Food and Fisheries,

the EEC Council of Agriculture

Ministers had agreed to extend the areas which qualifed for enhanced

Mr Edward du Cann (Taunton, C)

said he had never known a time

morale in the farming industry had

HOUSE OF LORDS

Lord Shinwell, who is 99-years-old.

told the House of Lords at question

time that he was becoming "a bit aggravated" by questions aimed at "interfering with a civilized exist-

This followed a question by the Earl of Kinnoull (C) urging the Government to encourage transport

authorities to ban smoking on

Lord Glenarthur, Under Secretary

of State for Health and Social Security, said it was a matter for the

FARMING

maintain its position internationally competitive industry for the future. I believe the House will welcome our determinations to see this sector of British industry, management and production work-force alike, given the chance to

Mr Peter Shore, chief Opposition spokesman on trade and industry, after welcoming the airbus decision, asked: What led him to conclude that the £430m which was what British Aerospace quite seriously and deliberately were asking for could be met by an offer of £250m? Where is the additional £180m to come from? The German contri-bution is to be backed up to 90 per cent of the cost by the German

Acrospace has to scrape the barrel of its resources to find this additional money, it could prejudice their prospects in going ahead with the ATP aircraft for which he tells us there is to be no Government

He is clearly going to have rewrite the section of the public expenditure White Paper dealing with that part of the department's expenditure for



Carter-Jones: Ensure engine is acceptable

thereafter. Obviously some adjust-

ment is necessary.
I assume that while he has set forth his views on the future of British civil aviation he has left aside, for the time being only, those important military projects about which we hope to hear from him

Mr Tebbit: We worked very closely with British Acrospace looking at their costings and the various assumptions made and seeing how the launch aid in the manner which was most effective. That has been done and has enabled us to find that British Aerospace is happy to launch on the basis of £250m of launch aid.

It is a tribute to our vigorous private sector that it requires less assistance from the Government

Help for less-favoured areas

tiations on prices (he continued)

will he take as the starting point that

it is essential to the British economy

that we always maintain a prosperous and effective British

Mr Jopling said he knew of the uncertainty in agriculture. He had urged a decision on restructure of the common agricultural policy as

soon as possible to end as much as

Shinwell complains about smoking ban

The Government (he added)

welcomes the trend towards further

The Farl of Kinnoull: It was a

national no smoking day yesterday and certain unnamed peers seemed

blissfully ignorant of that fact.

Lord Glenarthur: I would not like to

be the person to turn to the Deputy Chief Whip (the Earl of Swinton)

and say that he has just smoked his

Lord Skinwell: I am the last person

last cigar. (Laughter).

restrictions on smoking in buses

he could of the uncertainty.

agriculture?

Minister to have talks with FA officials

The shame, disgrace and revulsion felt by the House of Commons at soccer followers in France was expressed in a Commons statement by Mr Neil Maciarlane, Minister for Sport. He said he would discuss the incidents with Football Associ-

(Friday). Mr John Cummeham, Opposition spokesman on the environment.
Suggested in his reaction to the suggested in his reaction to the statement that the National Front was behind the incidents and had organized the attendance of their members.

Mr Macfarlane replied that he did

not know whether minority groups were concerned but that he wanted in his statement. Mr Macfarlane

said that his officials would be holding further discussions to assess the extent of the damage caused by the disturbances.

Pre-match planning for the game

by the Government, the football authorities and the French football and law and order authorities had been particularly extensive. He had written to the French minister with responsibility for sport on February 10, stressing the

sport on February 10, stressing the need for adequate policing in and outside the stadium, and the need to deter offenders by resolute action by the police and courts.

the police and courts.

Representatives of the English FA had vistice Paris in January and met representatives of the French football authorities, the French police and the British embassy. Arrangements had been made for control of ticket sales, crowd segregation, sale of alcohol, supporter travel routes and policing.

The European agreement on The European agreement on hooliganism, reached last year on his initiative was a major and constructive document reflecting the positive action and intention of Government to do all within its power to combat booliganism.

We are confident (he said) that proper and effective implementation of the measures contained in

He had asked the French minister for sport for a full report of the

SOCCER RIOTS

(Friday) afternoon for discussions.

I shall be conducting a full appraisal of the incidents with the parties concerned (he said). I shall need to establish whether, the

measures agreed by European ministers were fully implemented on the day.
I fully intend to continue to urge all concerned to do everything possible to get rid of these mindless louts and to urge European countries to use stringent penalties against convicted offenders to act as

Mr Conningham: Everyone in Britain and particularly all those who hold our national game of football in affection and who in the widest sense value the reputation of this country must recoil in horror from vertex law; events in France from yesterday's events in France, not only in the French stadium but regretably, elsewhere throughout the country.

Were not vesterday's events

foreshadowed by the attitude and information from the Football Association who acted responsibly by refusing to sell tickets unchecked to other than registered fans and authorized travel agents? The FA themselves are not, in our

view, to blame for what happene is it true that the National Front was behind much of the usly violence we witnessed and is it also true that they deliberately organized for their members to attend this match in force?

Since 1980 we have seen similar events perpetrated by English soccer-followers - pot Irish, Welsh of Scottish - in Denmark, Holland, Luxembourg, Switzerland, Italy and now France.
It is clear that Government

initiatives in this matter are failing.

Were the special arrangements be negotiated with the police and other requested, and what liaison, if any, took place with the French authorities.

Is it not time to prevent these hooligans travelling abroad to besmirch the reputation of soccer. tougher controls to prevent inno-cent travellers and decent football fans and our European neighbours not only being insulted but injured. lt demonstrates that we are dealing, not with sports policy or football, but a matter of public order. The

Mr Macfarlane said that he did not know whether a minority group had been concerned in the incident

but wanted to find out.

There had been the closest cooperation between the two police authorities on this side of the Channel and the other: British Transport Police had escorted fans on the trains to Dover and no alcohol had been on sale. At the request of the master of the French vessel taking them to France, the BT police had accompanied them across the Channel. The bars on the ship had been closed, but there had

been some trouble on board. The ship was met by French police. He was not apportioning blame, but they were dealing with 1 per



Pendry: Thereareno instant solutions

cent, or perhaps fewer who disrupted the enjoyment of 99 per

Sir Hertor Monre (Dumfries, C): Would he bear in mind the Scottish system under which drink is banned from football grounds?

Mr Macfarlane: The document drafted in Rotterdam touched upon that and not only stressed the importance of segregating rival supporters in the stadium and ensuring that tickets were controlled

Mr Thomas Pendry (Stalybridge and Hyde, Lab): Most genuine football supporters recognize his difficulties and recognize there are no instant solutions. He should

hodies supporting football to give

Mr Macfarlane: I would be grateful for any contributions interested bodies could make. Many conferences have taken place with he leading authorities in police and football and in many respects they have been successful, but this is still

causing problems. Mr John Page (Harrow West, C): There is nothing else it is conceivable for any government to do to improve the situation, therefore would it not be right to stop all attendances by fans at football matches abroad until a proper sense of decent behaviour as recognized at the football matches

in this country? Mr Macfarlane: I and other European sports ministers must ensure that there is effective implementation of what has already been agreed. The legislation we passed in 1981 had the football hooligan very much in mind.

Mr Clement Frend (North East Cambridgeshire. L): The television pictures showed that the French police acted with needless violence which can only have exacerbated

Mr Macfarlage: The deployment of hir Macfariase: the deployment of the French police is not my responsibility and they were only deployed in the way proposed by the ministers for sport when discussing this last year.

Sir Geoffrey Finsberg (Hampstead and Highgate, C): We heard that the British Transport Police accompanied the train and that these scum broke up some of the fittings on the ship and then-damaged British cars awaiting distribution. Why did not the police not liaise with their French

counterparts to stop these characters from landing? Mr Macfarlane: That is one of the things I will want to look at closely. I am assured by the Football Association there was close collaboration between the police on both sides of the Channel.

Mr William Benyon (Milton Keynes, C): We shall never get on top of this problem, at home or abroad, until the perpetrators are sent to prison. Fining them does no

convene a special conference of Mr Macfarlane: He is right. That is why I was pleased to have the support of the other European ministers at Rotterdam to encour-

age the authorities to impose severe During questions to the Prime

Minister, Sir Paul Bryan (Boothfer-ry, C) asked Mrs Thatcher, How many more years will our neighbours on the Continent have to How much longer have we got to suffer this disgrace before the Government takes direct responsi-

bility at the highest level for taking steps to end this situation?

Mrs Thatcher: MPs on all sides of the house would condemn the appalling behaviour of a small minority of the visitors to France which I believe disgraces our country's name abroad

We must all make the stronges incidents do not happen again.

Marylebone, the Lord Chancellor, had repeated the statement in the House of Lords, adding that those involved brought "great discredit on the sport and our nation", he was asked by Lord Paget of Northampton (Lab): Will he cast his mind back to 1921 when he attended an Eton and Harrow match at Lords wearing top hats and wielding sticks? (Laughter) We descended on the pitch and the police intervened and suppressed it.

He suggested the same deterrent

could be used now
Lord Hailsham said he remembered

I was (he said) a perfectly innocent witness on that occasion: The worst that happened, so far as I can remember, was that top hats were stamped and jumped upon (Laughter) I do not think there were

occasion this happened.
People realized (he said) that there was no justification for behaviour of that kind and that it brought great discredit on those who participated and those associated fellows concerned and the school authorities conveyed that message quite sharply to those who could be identified.

Pensioners' demands would cost £15,000m

PM's QUESTIONS

The proposals of the National Pensioners Convention for pensions increases would cost £15,000m. insurance contributions for those on average male earnings. Mrs Margaret Thatcher, the Prime Minister, said during question time exchanges in

the Commons.
She was replying to Mr. Nell linnock. the Leader of they opposition, who had referred to a meeting Mrs Thatcher was shortly to have with a deputation from the When she sees Mr Jack Jones and

his colleagues (said Mr Kinnock) will she be undertaking to scrap the fuel price increases and the housing

Mrs Thatcher: No. Mr Kinnock: That is disgraceful, expecially since if Mrs Thatcher had not got rid of the link between pensions and earnings single better off now and a married couple (Warrington, North, Lab). Mrs. would be £2.50 better off. When is Thatcher acknowledged that now she going to stop filching from the

pensioners in this way? Mrs Thatcher: Housing benefit will cost £3,700m a year and goes to figure seven million households. The down.

Labour Government.

last Government. Does she in any case think that the pensioners' convention would be coming to see her, or demonstrating in London today, or constantly arging upon all MPs that they need bigger pensions, if they thought what Mrs Thatcher was providing was anything like

enough? Mrs Thatcher: I am not sure which figures Mr Kinnock is challenging, and I doubt whether he knows jeither (Laughter).

The proposals of the convention for pensions increases would cost over £15,000m. That would add £24.30 a week to national insurance

male earnings. Mr Kinnock is usually taking me to task for actually increasing national insurance contributions; now be is proposing to put it up on the working population by an intolerable amount. Does Mr Kinnock challenge any of those figures? (Conservative laughter and shouts of "game, set and match"). Thatcher acknowledged that new unemployment figures were dis-appointing, but pointed out that

figure was up, the raw figure was seven minion nouseacous. The cown.

Special fuel allowance is some 500.000 people a month fa60m of which some £200m goes to pensioners. Both figures are register. Between January and vastly in excess of any by the February, she said, 338,000 people and the

although the seasonally adjusted

Labour Government. became unemployed and the Mr Kianock: In many many numbers leaving unemployment became unemployed and the respects what she alleges simply is were 346,000.

Next week's business

The main business in the House of Commons next week will be: Monday: Timetable Motion on the Rating and Valuation (Amendment) Tuesday: Debate on Expenditure White Paper.

Wednesday: Agricultural Holding Bill. second reading. Thursday: Debate on estimates in relation to the NHS and the coal

Friday: Private Member's motion The main business in the House Monday: Repatriation of Prisoners

Tuesday: Housing and Building Control Bill, committee Wednesday: Debates on women's opportunities privatization; and on Vaccine Damage Payment Act. Thursday: Prevention of Terrorism (Temporary Provisions) Bill, report.

Majority of staff have now signed

GCHQ DISPUTE

Margaret Thatcher, the Prime Minister, said in Commons at question time that she was grateful to the overwhelming majority of the staff at the Communications dquarters Cheltenham for signing the necessary forms relinquishing their right to belong to a trade union.

The decission (she said) was urged upon us by the management of GCHQ. It was welcomed by some, but I realise it caused difficulty for others. I am very grateful to the overwhelming

majority who signed the form at GCHQ – they are well in excess of 90 per cent. She was replying to Sir Anthony Meyer (Clwyd North West, C) who asked her to accept the admiration

won a great victory at Cheltenham. (Labour laughter). In its way (he added) it was no less significant than the victory which she won in the South

Atlantic. Does she agree that the fruits of both victories will endure if she now showed a spirit of conciliation to the vanquished of Mr James Hamilton (Motherwell

North, Lab): Will she reflect on the decision of the Government over GCHQ? If she will not take note of what was said to her by the TUC. will she take note of the many Tory MPs who have disagreed with her policy, particularly Mr Edward Heath?

Mrs Thatcher: I hope I have answered that before. There were differing views. I am grateful to those who signed. I believe the

Parliament today Commons (9.30): Debate on private Member's motion on the provision

Shipyard requiring less in state subsidies Although the Northern Ireland

Work carried out by Harland and Wolff on the Falklands floating port contract had enabled a £2.2m reduction to be made in assistance to the company in 1983-84, Mr Adam Butler, Minister of State for Northern Ireland, said when he moved approval of the Draft Appropriation (Northern Ireland) Order.

He explained that £43m was to be issued out of the Consolidated Fund of Northern Ireland in respect of the spring supplementary estimates. This brought the total estimate provision for 1983-84 to just over

Mr Butler said Harland and Wolff did a first class job on the Falklands on the dole. floating port, despite some ex- Mr Butler remely adverse weather conditions. and created a good impression with potential customers, including the

Ministry of Defence. This (he said) is most encourag-ing and although their demands on public money remain high, it is most encouraging to see Harland and Wolff taking effective action to reduce their dependence on sub-

economic scene was far from rosy, all was not gloom. encourage investment by improving the image of the Province and

getting away from the false picture given by the terrorist activity. Mr Peter Archer, chief Opposition spokesman on Northern Ireland, ireland was now more than 122,000. been unemployed for a year or

Since being set up. Enterprise Ulster had employed more 10.000 people and over half had gone into regular employment; 61 per cent of its budget was now spent lirectly on wages and salaries. for those who would otherwise be

Mr Butler intervened to say Enterprise Ulster had a good record, but he had to ensure the available resources went as far as possible and

In its first year, it employed nearly 2,000 people. But for the same funds in real terms the action for community employment scheme provided jobs for 4.000 people. The provision for Enterprise Ulster

Commissioner repudiated

FOOD PRICES The Government does not consider

the EEC Commission's proposals for a revaluation of the green pound to be justified. Mr Michael Jopling. Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, said during Commons Mr Michael Colvin (Romsey and

Waterside, C) In view of the sharp fall in farm incomes in 1983, will he reject any other proposals that are likely to damage the competitive-ness of British agriculture?

Will he deny reports in the press that No. 10 considers farmers to be a privileged sector of the economy and confirm once and for all that if only the rest of British industry has done half as well, we would have

Mr Joblin: I repudiate the notion

that the Government is mounting a compaign to undermine the capacity and the confidence of the agricultural community. Dr Mark Hughes, an Opposition Spokeman on agriculture. (City of Durham, Lab): Does he accept the figure of Mr Christopher Tugend-

be as a sonsequence of monetary Mr Jopling: I do repudiate the figure given by Mr Tugendhat also the food prices. I believe it is wrong. I reject the suggestion that the green

pound is being used as a food tax.

hat. EEC Commissioner, that food

prices have been 5 per cent higher

than they would otherwise need to

£36m cost ofmilitary bands

By David Hewson Arts Correspondent

The Government is spending more than £36m a year on the upkeep of military bands -more than a third of the Art's Council's total budget. The figure was disclosed in a parliamentary reply to Mr Tony Banks. Labour MP for Newham

North West, the former chair-

man of the GLC arts and

recreation committee. Mr Banks said vesterday: "This indicates the absurd level of values the Government has got, in spending so heavily on military bands when it is cutting back on arts expenditure through the abolition of the GLC and the metropolitan authorities".

The parliamentary reply reveals that £25.4m a year goes to the Army, which has about 2.500 band members in 78 bands. The Royal Marines, with: 418 members in nine bands, get £8.1m. and the Royal Air Force. with 266 members in five bands, gets £2.85m.

Murder appeal

Alliance victories in council by-elections

bus operators, taking full account of public opinion whether to imploment such a ban.

to prevent any member asking a question, but I am becoming a bit aggravated by questions which aim

By Richard Evans

success in local government by-elections at the expense of Conservatives and Labour. A survey of council by-election results for January and February published in this week's New Statesman shows that the Liberals and SDP

from their two opponents. Out of 34 contests the Liberals made four net gains and the SDP three, particularly encouraging for the SDP which has tended to fall behind its Alliance partner in winning

Apart from achieving a victory in Plymouth, parlia-mentary base of Dr David Owen, SDP leader, the party also made gains on Warwick shire and Northumberland county councils, in the latter case depriving Labour of an overall majority.

The survey also discloses that

the Conservatives, who fell behind Labour in the last quarter of 1983 after the election of Mr Neil Kinnock as leader have regained a four point lead. Norman Smith the computer student found guilty of murdering Miss Susan Renhard in the Derbyshire Peak District. is to Derbyshire Peak District. is to the Special season of the Special Circumstances of the Special Circum

This year has seen Alliance three council seats which they

In Brent, the recent ugly scenes accompanying the par-ty's loss of control on the council had a detrimental effect. In Southwark, the party is still suffering from the humiliating parliamentary defeat at continue to attract far more Bermondsey last year when the support than opinion polls Liberals romped home. suggest and are winning seats In Chesterfield, where Lib-

erals made a much publicized gain, personal factors were Votes in the 27 by-elections where

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Voting for three-way contests in October, November and Decem-Labour 33.7% Conservative 33.1% Alliance 31.4%

SDP

Callforlaw onrear seat belts

Rear-seat belts in cars could save over two more lives a day and help to shorten waiting lists for hip transplants and hernias, the British Medical Journal said yesterday.

Legislation making the wear ing of seat belts compulsory in the front seats of cars has been "a remarkable success story" the journal says in a leading In the first eight months after

and serious injuries fell by a quarter, a saving of 350 lives and 4.500 serious injuries. The estimated overall saving on treating accident victims in the first year is likely to be about £120m - enough money to run four health districts for a

legislation came into effect fatal

of about 135 rear-seat passengers in cars.

In addition, about 6 per cent of those fatally injured in the front seats of cars are injured by rear-seat passengers being thrown forward as missiles in crashes, and the provision of rear seat belts would allow an casy and cheap solution to carrying children safely in the

Adding rear-seat belts to the legislation could save the lives

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Ten groups

join 'access

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organizations in London yester-

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The groups will be supporting

an "access to personal files" Bill

shortly to be introduced in the Commons by Mr Christopher Smith, Labour MP for Islington

South and Finsbury, which would provide for such a

The campaign wants parents

and students over 16 to have

access to their reports and records, "clients" of the social

services to be able to inspect files kept on them by social workers, and patients to be able

to see doctors' and hospital

Tenants of local authority housing and those on council

waiting lists should also have a

right of access to their files, they

Announcing the publication

of a 10,000-word dossier con-

taining case histories of injust-

ices that have arisen from inaccurate personal files. Mr Wilson said: "The number of

personal files is massive and the

scope for inaccuracy and injust-ice so considerable that it has to

be assumed that it occurs on a

There was no guarantee, he

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said, whether file entries were

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Radioactive contamination of Sellafield beaches increasing, survey shows

increase in radioactive contamination of beaches and seas round the Sellafield nuclear waste processing plant in Cumbria has provoked fresh demands for tough government

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The call came from MPs, trade unions, and Greenpeace, which last autumn discovered an accidental leak from Sellafield (formerly Windscale) dur-ing a protest that attempted to block a waste discharge pipe from Sellafield.

The plea to suspend all further discharges from the plant until a full independent inquiry has assessed the dangers and damage from the operations of British Nuclear Fuels, plant comes after a report

published yesterday.
Prepared by the National Radiological Protection Board. it says radioactive waste is still being washed up on beaches around Sellafield. An initial drop in the amount of contaminated material being found has

bility of further action to clean radioactive wastes. the beaches should be considered.

The company is considering the report, which comes only two weeks after a reorganization of the board of British Nuclear Fuels and management of the Sellafield plant after two other government reports rebuked the company over leaks

An accident at discharge last November is being investigated the Director of Public Prosecutions.

Efforts to cut radioactive discharges into the sea have been taken by the company and engineering modifications have been accelerated to ensure that it is impossible to repeat the last

People have been warned to keep off the beaches near Sellafield. The new report says contaminated material continues to be found on beaches and estuaries and salt marshes. Three possible explanations

are offered by the scientists of The report concludes that if the National Radiological Prono solution is found within the tection Board for the temporary

Evidence of a continuing next month or so "the possi- fall in the discovery of new

They are that new releases have been made from the plant; contaminated material already on the beach has been uncovered by winds and tide and that the prevailing weather has been ideal for bringing contaminated in the sea to shore.

groups such as Shelter, Mind, If the source of fresh polthe Patients' Association, and lution is caused by a reservoir of the National Council for Civil material in the sea, then only continued monitoring and removal of samples when they Liberties have joined ranks in an effort to change the law.

They are backing Mr Des
Wilson, the 1984 campaign reach the shore or are observed beforehand will gradually climchairman, who is spearheading

inate the contamination.

The reports adds that the occurrence of a high proportion of tar-like contaminated debris in the last week of the survey, up to February 13, suggests is a new source of

contaminated items. The report says the actual contact dose rates from these materials could be about 100 times higher than apparent readings on monitoring instruments. Someone could pick up an item and hold it for a sufficiently long time to sustain an appreciable dose to the skin.

Right of training for all workers urged

to be established through "local

user groups".
"I think we have a very long

way to go before learning is

delivered to the customer in the

way that realy best meets the

customers' needs," he said. "I

can open up many more flexible

By Our Education Correspondent

All adults in work should to innovation, and good comhave a right to training in the same way as the French have by employers and trade unions had law and the Germans have by collective agreement, Mr John Cassels, director general of the National Economic Develop-

ment Office, said yesterday. There is a growing need for higher skills and competence in industry with the disappear- am convinced that with ingenance, in some cases at a startling unity and imagination, colleges speed, of less skilled jobs, he told the annual meeting of the Association of Colleges for Further and Higher Education in London.

It was important to ensure ment or the Manpower Services that vocational education and training met the needs of employers and individuals. More effort had to be switched the pace of technology change. scheme.

Edinburgh theatre proposed

A 1,500-seat theatre that could stage Broadway musicals or the grandest continental opera was proposed yesterday for the notorious "hole in the ground" site on Castle Terrace, Edinburgh, (Ronald Faux writes).

The ruling Conservative group on Edinburgh District Council has produced the plan. It will cost £14m which, the group says is less than half the cost of the last scheme for developing the site.

and accessible learning oppor-tunities to the individual. "The pace is being forced not The group hopes that £2m by the arbitrary will of governwill be raised by sponsorship and the rest of the cost divided Commission or anybody else between the council and the but essentilly by the pressure of Government which had agreed international competition and to fund half of the original

By Frances Gibb, Legal Affairs Correspondent A campaign to give people the right to see files held on them by doctors, hospitals, social workers, local authorities and others was launched by 10 newly formed "1984 Campaign for Freedom of Information", the lobby to give individuals a statutory right of access to files or records held on them and

Mr Neil Kinnock, Labour leader, raising a top hat in an impromptu dance with a member of

Pensioners rally to war cry

By David Nickelson-Lord

Prolonged and bitter condemnation of government policy towards people aged over 65 came at the fifth national pensioners' rally in London yesterday.

More than 1,000 delegates were called on to recreate the wartime spirit of the fight against Hitler before moving on to a mass lobby of Parliament in support of a pension increase.

Leaders of the British Pensioners and Trade Unions Action Association, an umbrella grouping with strong

TUC links, later saw Mr Neil Kinnock, the Labour leader, and Mr David Steel, the

Liberal leader, before visiting Mrs Magaret Thatcher in Downing Sreet. The delegation, including Mr Jack Jones, the former trade union leader who is the association's president, called for an immediate £8.75 increase

The pensioners say that that is the amount they have lost since 1979 by the failure to

in the single person's pension and £13.25 for a married

keep pace with inflation and

Mr Jones was cheered loudly at the convention, held in the Central Hall, Westminster, when he described the 3.7 per cent pension increase November as "an insult".

Mr Raymond Buckton, TUC president, said: "It is a disgrace to this country that pensioners should have to meet every year to lobby Parliament. What we should be doing is meeting every year to share friendship and enjoy ourselves."

Saboteurs advised to dress up as anglers

By Hugh Clayton Hunt saboteurs are advised disguise themselves as anglers when they try to disrupt fishing matches. The advice comes in the latest tactics booklet issued to the 3,000 members of the Hunt Saboteurs Association.

The association's decision to try to sabotage activities of the millions who go fishing as well as the 200,000 who hunt was disclosed in The Times last

Mr John Hale, the association's tactics officer, says in his latest advice that members who dress as fishermen should use weighted, unbreakable lines without hooks. "Take up a position as close as you can get to a real angler", he says. "Then keep on casting every few minutes with a big splash about four yards away from his float."

Despite a split which led to the resignation of some of its officers last year, the association is now firmly committed to sabotaging fishing as well as hunting and coursing.

The ruling committee makes clear in a bulletin to members that it has rejected the argument that attacks on angling will destroy Labour Party support for the abolition of hunting. The Labour manifesto for the last general election included a commitment to abolish hunting live prey with hounds.

The committee believes that Labour will probably drop its anti-hunting pledge whether the association disrupts fishing or not. "There is also little doubt that if and when the Labour Party drops its commitment to abolish bloodsports the association and its decision to campaign against angling will be wrongly blamed."

Mr Hale reports that one saboteur in the West Midlands has delayed anglers on the river bank by engaging them in long conversations about fishing. But Mr Hale favours disruption with sonic devices placed under

Sixty key terms that budding historians must understand

By Lucy Hodges, Education Correspondent

are expected to publish a time when Sir Keith Joseph, of any balanced school history document shortly on the teaching of history in school that will and Science, is taking an "History is indispensable to list 60 key historical terms which pupils aged 14 to 16 should know and which will emphasize the role of the history teacher in dealing with controversial issues.

The document, to be entitled History 5 to 16, is being written by Mr John Slater, staff inspector for history, who says that seven issues are indispensable to the study of contemporary history.

They are urban development, changing patterns of employment and unemployment, the multicultural society, the changing status of women, the impact of science and technology, global interdependence, and the open society. He argues that history has to deal with the issues over which society is divided. That itself is a controversial statement which some people might disagree.
The publication of an HMI

England than in 1974 despite

government spending of more

than £100m on reclamation, an official survey has shown.

Although land has been

reclaimed at about 2,000 hec-

tares a year, factory and other

closures in the recession have

created much more dereliction

derelict land in England in 1982, compared with 43,273

£74m for reclaiming derelict land in the coming financial year, compared with £75m in

1983-84. Some of the money is

paid only when industry agrees

to meet most of the cost.

Ministers have reserved

There were 45,683 hectares of

in some arcas.

hectares in 1974.

The school inspectors (HMIs) document on history comes at a history - is and inescapable part

interest in the subject. Earlier this month he said an element of national history should be part of every pupil's education up to the age of 16.

He said: "An element of national - by which I emphatically do not mean nationalistic



Sir Keith: History 'inescap-

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Jenkin added in a parliamen-

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The survey shows that tween 1974 and 1982 in

Amount of derelict land

growing despite grants

By Hugh Clayton, Local Government Correspondent

There is more derelict land in He added that the private sector

between

understanding the society live in to an awareness by pupils of the place of themselves, their families or com munities in the developing story of the nation, a story which itself involves other nationals and peoples".

The inspectorate does not disagree with Sir Keith. Mr Slater said: "Note the minister understanding of shared values, not their accept-

Left-wing educationists are, however, critical of Sir Keith's words on this issue, saying that they are bound up with teaching patriotism and rest on the unspoken assumption of the glory of English institutions, government, and politics. The document will spell out

what the inspectors think history is, what its objectives and functions are, and will raise some of the issues involved in

Cambridge to

reform

admissions

By Paul Flather

of the *Times Educational*

Supplement
Cambridge University colleges
are to follow Oxford and study

changes in the ways they admit undergraduates in an effort to

produce a simpler and fairer

One scheme to be investi-

gated would involve using the

present S-level (scholarship

level) examination, which can be taken simultaneously with A

levels, as equivalent to the

special Cambridge entrance

College tutorial representa-

ives are meeting today to finalize the terms of reference

for a new working party, headed

by the vice-chancellor, Sir John

Butterfield, to study the feasi-

bility of moving the entrance examination to the fifth or sixth

Many tutors appear to accept

that the examination taken just

after A levels, the so-called seventh term entry, is about to wither away, especially as

Oxford has already abolished

the seventh term examination.

entrance procedures so that

applicants can now either tke

the special examination in the

fourth term of the sixth form, or

be admitted on the basis of A

levels, an interview and a

Cambridge tutors, however,

are worried that the fourth term

is too early to judge potential in

students. But any later test might interfere with A level

work, and also worry other

for Oxbridge to take its pick of

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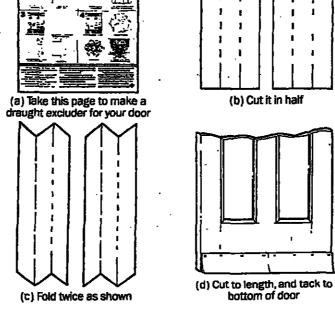
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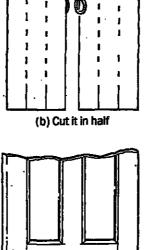
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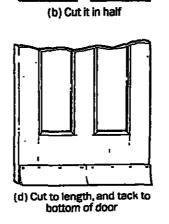
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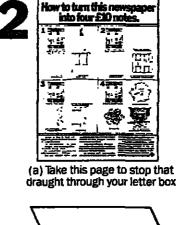
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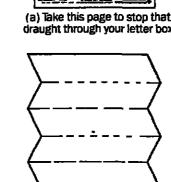
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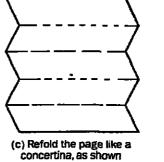


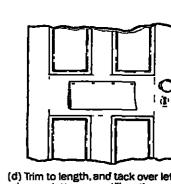












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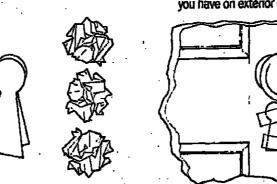
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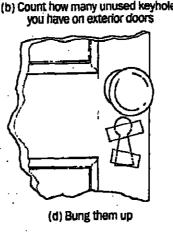
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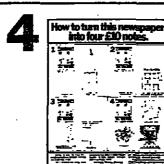
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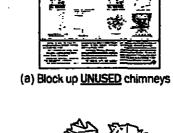


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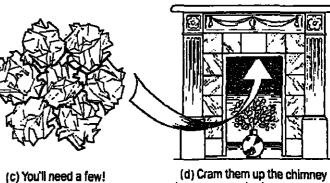












to stop expensive heat escaping



8.015 Mr Patrick Jenkin, Secretary Yorks and of State for the Environment, W Midlands said on Tuesday that the Government was to pay £15m E Anglia S West in the coming year towards immediate private development of land reclaimed by councils.

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Dilemma over policing Beirut

Uncertainty over future of Israel treaty after Gemayel talks in Syria

President Gemayel of Lebanon returned to Beirut last night after holding a further four hours of what he called excellent" talks with President Assad of Syria. But he made no formal announcement of abrogation of the unofficial peace between Lebanon and Israel, and he cancelled a press conference without giving any reason soon after his last meeting with the Syrian leader.

tear up the May 17 military withdrawal agreement with Israel, in return for some commitment by Syria that it would withdraw its Army from Lehanon when the last Israeli

soldiers left the country. whether Mr Gemayel extracted such a promise from the Syrians, though Mr Assad himself appeared pleased with the talks, and Damascus Radio had broadcast all day reports of the capital.

how Lebanon would be returneuphemism for abrogation of the Lebanese-Israeli accord. The talks in Damascus had

taken place against a curious background. Overnight an American warship, the USS W. S. Sims, had fired 20 shells into the Druze-held hills above Beirut after artillery rounds had fallen near the US Ambassador's residence at Yarze. The payal bombardment, a US Mr Gemayel was prepared to naval bombardment, a US are up the May 17 military military spokesman later said. had been carried out "to protect

American lives".
A few hours later, Mr Walid Jumblatt, the Druze leader who has demanded an end to all American naval action, turned up in Beirut for the first time in 15 months to denounce President Gemayel and to insist that the Lebanese leader be "put on

The Lebanese President can ing to its "Arab identity", a afford to ignore such statereached an understanding with President Assad. His problem will be to sell any new agreements with Syria to his

> the Phalange Party's founder and hitherto one of the most outspoken of the country's right-wing leaders, has surprisingly come out in support of his son's journey to Syria.

Officially the Soviet Union had presented several untenable conditions for its consent to a force. In the Security Council debate, it said that the Although he had in the past praised the agreement with Israel, Mr Pierre Gemayel is now describing it as "already draft resolution failed to extract guarantees from the Americans that artillery shelling and dead", claiming that an under-standing with Syria was essenreconnaissance flights from its warships off the Lebanese coast would cease before the arrival of UN troops. While the United States ultimately decide to disengage completely from the area, it would have been unseemly for it to have acceded to Moscow's dictates. tial since the pact with Israel had failed to remove foreign armies from Lebanon.

to Moscow's dictates. The two underlying reasons for Moscow's veto were, first, its reluctance to give the West an alternative peacekeeping force that would take away attention from the failure of its own mission. A UN force would have meant diplomatic victory for the West, a gift Moscow was not about to give away.

From Zoriana Pysariwsky New York

to give the United Nations an

expanded role in Lebanon was

under way last night after a Soviet veto in the Security Council which struck down the

French initiative for a UN

peacekeeping operation in Bei-

intricate negotiations, the Soviet Union altimately disre-

garded the international con-

sensus for a UN in Lebanon.

Only the Ukrainian representa-

tives joined Moscow in oppo-sition. The 13 members of the

French measure vowed to try

who approved the

After weeks of intensive and

The search for a new formula



Soviet block: Mr Oleg Troyanovsky, Soviet ambassador, vetoing in the Security Council a UN force for Beirut.

Second, the Soviet Union had no intention of approving a measure that might interfere with its serious, calculated control of Lebanon's political and military landscape. A UN force in Moscow's eyes would at the very least give the Government of President Gemayel an unnecessary moral

boost and at most provide a healing touch to perhaps an untimely recociliation.

As long as it is in Moscow's interests to oppose a UN force, it will continue to do so, the belief that it could be shamed into giving its approval proved

Fierce fighting as Iran attacks again

Iran said it had launched another offensive on the sou-thern front of the Gulf War on Wednesday night and fierce

fighting was raging in the area.

The attack had inflicted heavy casualties on Iraqi troops and a number of prisoners had been taken, the Iranian National New Agency Irna reported in a dispatch monitored in London.

It said Iranian forces had scized a strategic bridge and were erecting a 160ft bridge across a canal after achieving most of their objectives.

The agency quoted a joint

staff communique as saying a Soviet-made Iraqi figher had been shot down. This brought to seven the number of Iraqi arplanes shot down in a week. lraq reported sinking seven

"enemy naval targets" at the head of the Gulf yesterday as Iran announced. The surge in fighting, confirmed by Iraq, was near the southern port of Basea An Iraqi military spokesman said the Iranians had gained

footholds in three positions but were being encircled The Iraqi military spokesman said the Iraqi Air Force and Navy attacked the seven vessels as they tried to enter the southern Iranian port of Bandar

Khomeini. PARIS: A French Government loan to Iraq of about \$500m (£125m) designed to help the war-torn country to finance civil debt repayments in 1984 was confirmed by MME Edith Cresson, the Trade Minister, yesterday. (Diana Geddes writes).

A million strike on Peru farms

Lima (AP) - More than a million farmers began a threeday strike across Peru yesterday, threatening to block food supplies to cities in protest over the Government's agricultural

policies. The strike organizer, Señor Felipe Huaman, head of the National Agrarian Confederation, (CNA), said the strike was nationwide except for 12 provinces under control of the military.

Dhaka riot

Dhaka (Reuter) - Two people, one of them a 13-yearold boy, were killed and at least 150 were injured during an eight-hour general strike called by the opponents of the Bangladesh military regime.

Grenada pledge St George's (AP) - President

Reagan has personally assured Grenada that the United States will complete the island's international airport that Cuba was building before the US

Sect arrest

Jakarta - Peter Curtis, aged 40, an American teacher suspected of being a leading member of the Children of God Sect. has been arrested. The Indonesian Infromation Minister said further measures would be taken agaist key members of

Out of race

Washington - Senator Ernest Hollings, of South Carolina, has dropped out of the Democratic presidential nomination after winning only 4 per cent of the vote in the New Hampshire

Cop is robber

police inspector carrying a toy will exacerbate inter-office gun robbe: a bank of 10m yen feeds and petty jealousies. (about £28,500) in cash, but he GENEVA: A World Health was arrested after being charged Organization publication, re-Nagata, aged 42, said he smoking was responsible for a planned the robbe: because he million premature deaths each could not repay a housing loan. | year.

Smokers in a huff over ban

From Ivor Davis

One of the most radical antismoking measures went into effect yesterday in San Francisco government and private

Despite bitter opposition, the new law states that all employers must adopt policies smoking and non-smoking employees. It stipulates that if non-smokers are not happy with arrangements provided. then companies must prohibit smoking in the office.

The aim of the legislation is to reduce the health risk and the annoyance and discomfort from tobacco smoke on workers in confined areas. The outcome of the new law and the effect it will have in offices in the city is being eagerly watched by other American cities.

Companies that violate the new measure face a maximum fine of \$500 (£330) a day. All this week businesses have been scurrying to comply with the ordinance, which officials believe will be widely accepted.

'I haven't found anyone yet who doesn't think be can work something out, notes Mr Paul Schwabacher, of the San Francisco Bureau of Environ-

mental Health Services. However, those opposing the new law say the measure will just open a Pandoras' Box and in many cases employees will ignore the regulation.

"It's going to be riddled with problems", predicts Blanche Streeter, co-chairman of San Franciscans against Government Intrusion, the group which spent \$1.27m in a fruitless campaign to defeat the measure last year. "The way it's written, it

allows one (non-smoking) per-son to set office policy, no matter what the manager Tokyo (AP) - An assistant says", she notes, adding that it

two bank clerks. Hiroshi leased yesterday, said cigarette

British woman among **Unita hostages**

confirmed that one of the 17 Britons kidnapped by Unita guerrillas in northern Angola and now being force-marched nearly 700 miles south is a woman, and two of the men are

nearly 60 years old. Journalists who have travelled with Unita say they get up before dawn, march until midday, rest for two hours and then march till dark trying to cover 30 or 40 miles a day.

A spokesman for Mining and Technical Services Ltd (MATS). the company which employs the Britons, said yesterday that it was not the company's intention to release the names of the hostages.
The spokesman for the

International Committee for the Red Cross in Geneva said yesterday that although they has a complete list of names of the missing Britons, details of some of them were missing.
A spokesman for Intraco, the

British-based company which services mining equipment in engineers, Mr Tony Beer, was hands,

The Red Cross in Geneva has one of four British workers who escaped the raid last week.

Diplomatic sources confirmed yesterday that an Angola helicopter, possibly flown by a Cuban pilot, which was trying to track the guerrillas and their 77 hostages, was shot down last weekend by the guerrillas. This was in addition to a helicopter owned by Diamoang, the statecontrolled diamond company, which crashed on Friday.

It is understood that the Unita guerrillas, numbering between 800 and 1,000, made two separate raids on the well informed about its layout.

They destroyed the diamond sorting house, the prospecting house and several houses and pieces of mining equipment.

There were some casualties among diamond security forces and the attackers.

The mine, which produces about a quarter of Angola's diamonds, will be inoperable for some time, although it is Angola, confirmed that one of its now firmly back in government

South Africa releases Swapo co-founder

From Michael Hornsby, Johannesburg

often spoken of as "the father of the liberation struggle" in Namibia (South-West Africa), has been released from prison four years before the end of a 20-year sentence on terrorism charges, according to informed

Mr Toivo, a co-founder with Mr Sam Nujoma of Swapo (South-West Africa People's Organization), was moved carlier this week from Robben Island, South Africa's island jail in Table Bay, to a prison in

His release had been de-manded by a group of political parties in Namibia called the Multi-Party Conference (MPC). is anxious to boost, as a intent of overthrowing competitor to Swapo in possible present government

Mr Herman Toivo Ja Toivo, pre-independence elections in the territory.

One of the parties in the MPC, is Mr Andreas Shipango's

Swapo Democrats, a group which broke away from the Swapo mainstrean dispute between Mr Shipango and Mr Nujoma. Mr Shipango has long called for Mr Toivo's release, claiming that he would side with him rather than Mi

It appears that South Africa may be hoping Mr Toivo could provide an alternative attraction for Swapo supporters, thereby weakening Mr Nujoma's position.

Mr Toivo, who will be 60

later this year, was imprisoned in 1968 after being convicted of whose credibility South Africa acts of terrorism with the

French troops to leave Lebanon soon

A withdrawal from Beirut of - is understood to be imminent after the rejection by the United Nations Security Council of the French proposal to replace the multinational force by a UN

government already withdrawn their forces. Unofficial The only official reaction yesterday to the UN vote was the 1,500 French troops - the sources here emphasized yester-last remaining contingent of the four-nation multinational force act as a substitute for the from the Foreign Office, which said that France would not take international organizations whose role it is to help any "precipitate decision" as to the eventual withdrawal of its contingent, and that such a reestablish peace in Lebanon". The three other members of the withdrawal take place multinational force, Britain, the United States and Italy, have

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"That's a very original opinion. Didn't I read it originally in The Economist?"

"In the hope of founding a new peasant industry, the Philippine government is sponsoring pilot plants for rearing worms on animal slurry specifically for their meat. And the aim is not to produce animal feed but human food. Dried into powder, the schemes promoters say, the meat from this variety of worm... makes a delicious addition to beefburgers. They have their eyes on Japan as an export market. Lucky Japan."

"If an opera house is to have a purpose, it needs to commission new works and submit half-forgotten ones to the test of fresh ears. If the verdict is unfavourable, so be it. Opera lovers should welcome disappointments. They are the everyday failures against which the great evenings can be measured."

"Imagine, for instance, where Marks & Spencer would be today if it had said 20 years ago that it wanted to concentrate on selling pullovers and óranges. The comparison is not fanciful.

In retailing then, as in financial services now, future growth belongs to those who offer what their customers want, not just what they think is good for them. There is no doubt that the customers of building societies want them to become more like banks."

"Since income tax was introduced as a temporary measure to pay for the Napoleonic wars, the tax code has evolved as a hodgepodge. Multinational companies are taxed as though they were Victorian textile mills: husbands are still in charge of their wives' tax affairs. Everywhere the guiding principles are lawyers' past precedents rather than economists' contemporary logic."

"Neanderthals were not the idiots of legend. Their brains were as large as, if not larger than, those of today's Nobel prize winners; they buried their dead (though a suggestion that they put flowers on their graves now looks dubious); and for about 80,000 years they thrived in Europe and Asia."

"Under his peculiar Victorian helmet, your ordinary London bobby is racist, sexist, bored, aimless and quite often drunk. Despite this, only 10% of Londoners completely lack confidence in their police. Most citizens seem not to expect very high standards in a tough and brave job, and are satisfied with the service the police provide."

"New research predicts that even a limited nuclear exchange in the (heavily industrialised) northern hemisphere could ignite enough fires to pump hundreds of millions of tons of soot into the atmosphere in a matter of days. That would blot out virtually all sunlight. Freezing cold would then kill off plants, animals and possibly even the healthy human survivors."

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France braced for mass demonstrations as industrial unrest spreads

The wave of industrial unrest through Lille in defence of the while the Communist-con-pread farther through France continuation of the special trolled CGT, the left-wing Fen spread farther through France vesterday as banks remained closed throughout the day due io strike action

Wine-growers in the south went on the rampage, causing hundreds of thousands of pounds of damage and several injuries, and unions representing nearly five million workers already in the public service sector posals. announced plans for strikes next week after the breakdown of talks on pay with the Government.

Paris is bracing itself today for a mass demonstration by the five main miners unions in protest against threatened pit closures and the loss - according to the unions - of 28,000 jobs over the next four years.

The demonstration follows last week's 48-hour strike, the first national miners' strike in

21 years. On Sunday the parents of pupils in the predominantly Roman Catholic private schools will hold the last of five demonstrations against government proposals to "harmonize" the private school system. representing 15 per cent of pupils, with the state system.

The Government already pays for virtually the whole cost of private schooling and feels it should have more control over how the money is spent. Last Sunday nearly 300,000

From Diana Geddes, Paris

privileges enjoyed by private schools. The organizers are expecting up to 500,000 in

Versailles this Sunday.
There are tentative signs that the Government may have taken heed of their protest and may be willing to modify its watered-down pro-

The shock waves from the nine-day lorry drivers' dispute. which ended last week, continue to be felt. Negotiations opened yesterday between the Government, the road haulage federations and the unions representing the employed drivers on the two remaining key issues - a reduction in the tax on fuel and greater flexibility in working hours.

The Ministry of Transport has announced a meeting of all EEC transport ministers on March 22 to discuss ways of facilitating the passage of European frontiers by different types of vehicles.

In the public service sector, road. government proposals designed to bring the increase in workers' wages over the past two years into line with the rise in prices have been rejected as unacceptable by most of the unions involved.

independent Force Ouvriere has announced a 48hour strike on March 8 and 9,

The shopkeepers say that the Socialists' reforms limiting the

time that accused people can be

held in jail before trial has put

habitual criminals back on the

For the fourth time in a

fortnight, ground staff of the

Iberia airline staged peak-hour

stoppages three times yesterday.

They are protesting against economies by the state airline which would hit salaries and

A national strike call was well

heeded yesterday by Spain's 400,000 textile workers for the

• Four arrested: Four Span-

iards were detained vesterday only hours after the killing of a

28-year-old Frenchman in Hendaye, just across the Franco-

Eye-witnesses at Hendaye

railway station, where the Frenchmen worked, had re-

ported seeing two gunmen

ETA was immediately sus-

pected of a second violent death

vesterday when a retired senior

police inspector was shot in

The ammunition used was of the kind habitually used by the organization. Three young men penetrated the retired policemen's home, despite pre-cautions he had taken against

Russian

backlash

on airliner

From John Best

Ottawa

more sought to pin responsi-

bility for last year's Korean

airliner disaster on the United

States, claiming that it resulted

from a "provocative mission"

organized by the Americans'

intelligence gathering.

In a harshly worded statement in Montreal this week Mr

Boris Ryjenkov, executive sec-

retary of the Soviet delegation

to the International Civil

Aviation Organization, rejected

an ICAO report which found a Soviet interceptor fighter at

All 269 people on board Korean Airline flight 007 died

when the aircraft was shot down over Soviet territory on Sep-

tember I on a flight from

Mr Ryjenkov's statement

fault in the catastrophe.

The Soviet Union has once

admitting strangers.

ictoria in the Basque region.

fleeing towards the border.

second consecutive day.

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benefits.

(representing a majority of teachers) and other independent unions have called for a 24-hour strike on March 8, backed by mass street demonstrations. Unions representing all Air

France personnel are also planning a 24-hour strike on March 8 over alleged cuts in real wages. Yesterday's strike by bank employees was likewise prompted by grievances over pay and also by union fears of the loss of more than 50,000 jobs in banking over the next In the Languedoc-Roussillon

area in the south-west, wine growers showed what happens when the law tries to intervene too directly with their "right to too directly with their "right to protest". More than 2,000 stormed the court in Carcassonne after four of their number had been fined 2,000 francs (about £170) and given one-month suspended prison sentences for having hijacked lorries carrying imported wine which they emptied over the

windows and trying to set the building alight, the incensed wine-growers went on the rampage throughout the region during Wednesday and Thursday night, ransacking two railway stations, a town hall, a local tax office and three toil

After breaking the court's



Fearful witness: The stepdaughter of Rolando Galman alleged killer of Benigno Aquino, yesterday testified that Mr Galman had been taken from their home by a Philippine Air Force colonel four days before the opposition leader was murdered (AFP reports from Manila).

Roberta Masibay, aged 16, (above) also told the board of inquiry that her mother, missing since January 29, told her before leaving home that she had been summoned by a

General Ver.
General Fabian Ver. Armed Forces Chief of Staff, later said this was an "outrageous lie."

University spurns gift of man linked to Nazi child-killing

Keil University has turned down a bequest of Dm500,000 (£125,000) because the former professor who left the money had been involved in the killing of handicapped children under the Nazis.

Professor Werner Catel, who died in 1981 aged 86, left the money to fund scholarships in medical and scientific research. But a university spokesman said the senate unanimously rejected the bequest, believing moral reservations about his activities before 1945 were more important than the

From 1939 Herr Catel had evaluated official reports on "severe hereditary illness" and

decided whether thousands of mentally and physically handicapped children should be classified as worthless and killed. In 1960 he resigned his post as head of the university children's clinic when his involvement in the "cuthanasia" programme became known,

Meanwhile, it has been revealed that 800 members of the former Waffen-SS have arranged to hold their controversial annual reunion in May in Bad Harzburg, a town associated with the Nazi-led Harzburg Front that rallied opposition to the government of Dr Heinrich Bruning in

On Tuesday the trial in Zweibrücken of a couple said to have distributed a board game based on the wartime gassing of jews was stopped after a week and a new trial ordered because of inconsistencies in the evidence of a handwriting expert.

Hans-Gunther Fröhlich, a former police officer, and his girl-friend were accused of inciting racial hatred by designing a game that circulated in schools last year. It consisted of moving counters marked Jews from the points of a Star of David, named after concentration camps, into a central square labelled gas chamber.

Regime attacks Polish lawyer

Poland's foremost human rights lawyer, Mr Władysław Sila-Nowicki, was attacked sharply in the government-controlled press vesterday for writing an open letter to General Jaruzelski, the Polish leader, accusing the authorities of "dangerous" and "cynical" violations of the law to cover up the investigation into the fatal beating of a Warsaw schoolboy.

The attack, published in most national dailies, claimed that Mr Sila-Nowicki had lied and slandered the State Prosecutor's office to stir up political emotions. The article said that Mr Sila-Nowicki "depicted Poland as a country ruled by police provocation", and hinted that legal action might be taken

against the opposition lawyer for his sations". "slanderous accu-

Mr Sila-Nowicki, the leading member of Poland's small community of human rights lawyers and a representative on the National Lawyers' Council. wrote to General Jaruzelski after police arrested another opposition lawyer, Mr Maciej

Bednarkiewicz, in January, on charges of aiding a deserter from the riot police and trying to induce him to steal a police radio and reveal information about the security forces.

Mr Bednarkiewicz was the lawyer for the mother of Grzegorz Przemyk, a 19-year-old Warsaw secondary school

student who died of internal injuries in May, 1983 after allegedly being beaten while in police custody.

In the widely-published reply to Mr Sila-Nowicki's letter, a pro-government journalist. Jerzy Nowomiejski, wrote that any gestures of a humanitarian nature towards people as rabid as Bednarkiewicz or Sila-Nowicki are pointless".

In his letter to General Jaruzelski, Mr Sila-Nowicki wrote that the charges against Mr Bednarkiewicz were a fabricated provocation, designed to prevent him from presenting evidence that Mr Przemyk was fatally beaten by two policemen.

Troops alerted to run Madrid trains

From Richard Wigg, Madrid

Soldiers doing their national service on the railways will be to open their premises in a protest against a wave of shop robberies. The conservative party which forms Catalonia's ordered today to help to run the Madrid Underground if the backed the protest. workers persist with their autonomous second strike this week.

Spain's Socialist Government gave a warning of the use of troops after railway staff, among whom the Communists are in a majority, decided not to back down on wage demands. They want a 10 per cent increase this year, but the Government has set a 6.5 per cent limit for the public sector.

Members of the Socialist General Workers' Union, however, are expected to work alongside the servicemen to maintain a skeleton rush-hour service.

The Government of Señor Felipe González yesterday faced social unrest on three other fronts. In Barcelona and surrounding Catalan towns, shopkeepers responded to a call not



Señor González: Facing unrest on four fronts.

Punjab ban

imposed

on scooters

From Kuldip Nayar

use of motorcycles and scooters

throught Punjab yesterday. Unidentified Sikh terrorists have been riding these vehicles

and escaping after killing

50 Hindus died as the result of a

renewed spurt of terrorist

Sikh golden temple at Amritsar

after Sikh extremists killed four

Hindus with an Indian Army grenade on Wednesday. The

police believe the extremists

took shelter in the temple after the killings. The curfew on

Wednesday continues in the

A bank in Tran Taran, near

Amritsar, was looted by Sikhs

A Uganda opposition MP. Dr

Yoweri Kyesimira, who is on

trial in Kampala for treason, is

alleged by a prosecution witness to have visited a guerrilla camp

near Kampala in 1982 and

congratulated the underground

Uganda Freedom Movement

on the success of an attack on

Miss Samali Bamutire said

Dr Kyesimira once professor

of economics at Makerere

University, Kampala, has been

under arrest since 1982. He denies the charge of treason.

which carries a death sentence.

an army barracks in Kampala.

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who escaped with half a million rupces. Schools and colleges in issued as ICAO's 33-member main towns of Punjab are shut council met to discuss the and tension is rebuilding incident appeared to dash any ingering hopes that the Soviet Uganda treason Union would agree to pay compensation to the families of trial told MP A number of countries,

Alaska to Scoul.

including Canada and the United States, have demanded visited guerrillas From Charles Harrison Nairobi the compensation, but the Russians have never formally accepted the claims.

Mr Ryjenkov alleged that flight 007's incursion into Soviet air space was a "pre-planned intelligence operation". and that the airliner's crew knew that they were deviating from their proper flight course.

Moreover, American and Japanese air traffic controllers had taken no "corrective steps". even though they knew that the airliner had surayed into Soviet

Mr Ryjenkov's declaration was at variance with a report realesed by ICAO last December, which found that flight 007 surayed off-course because of a navigational error,

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Four of industry's bright new hopes. At 16, they thought they had no hope at all.

At the age of 16, these kids found themselves with two options.

They could continue at school with the prospect of further attempts at 'O' levels. Or join the dole and risk going nowhere on £23 a week.

Taking the second option led them to a third. The chance of an education in computers at an Information Technology Centre.

It paid £25 a week, almost a 10% rise. And with their vast experience of Space Invaders, they were more than qualified to meet the ITEC's BBC Microcomputers.

But there's no need to play the irate tax payer. They didn't have to burden the State much longer.

Wendy Thompson, Tyneside. Even at her ITEC, they say Wendy was a bit of a wild one.

If something captures her imagination, however, she'll give it 100%. And with the BBC Micro, she became scriously hooked on computing.

Not only was she rapidly employed for her newly discovered programming and data processing skills, she was soon writing her own specialised programs.

For instance, she has now written a program which will teach backward children to spell.

Yet, she doesn't have an 'O' level to her name.

Wilmot Jeremiah. London. After a year at ITEC, Wilmot was snapped up by a company called Digitalent.

He had learned how to program a computer. How to take it apart. And what exactly made it tick.

Today, he's helping to develop a music synthesizer which will be able to receive its sound repertoire from a BBC Micro. And at well under £1,000, it will compete with synthesizers costing over £10,000.

Chris Langford, West Midlands.
In the picture, he's got his back against

Having spent six months at ITEC, however, a specialist engineering company called

V.G.Instruments had no qualms about giving him a try.

Chris is helping to run the production and technical data functions. And his boss says he has all the makings of a professional. Steve Hill. Sheffield. He's the character in the doorway. Now, after a year at ITEC, Steve's working for a company called Economatics, specialising in control technology.

In layman's terms, that means developing appliances which are controlled by computer.

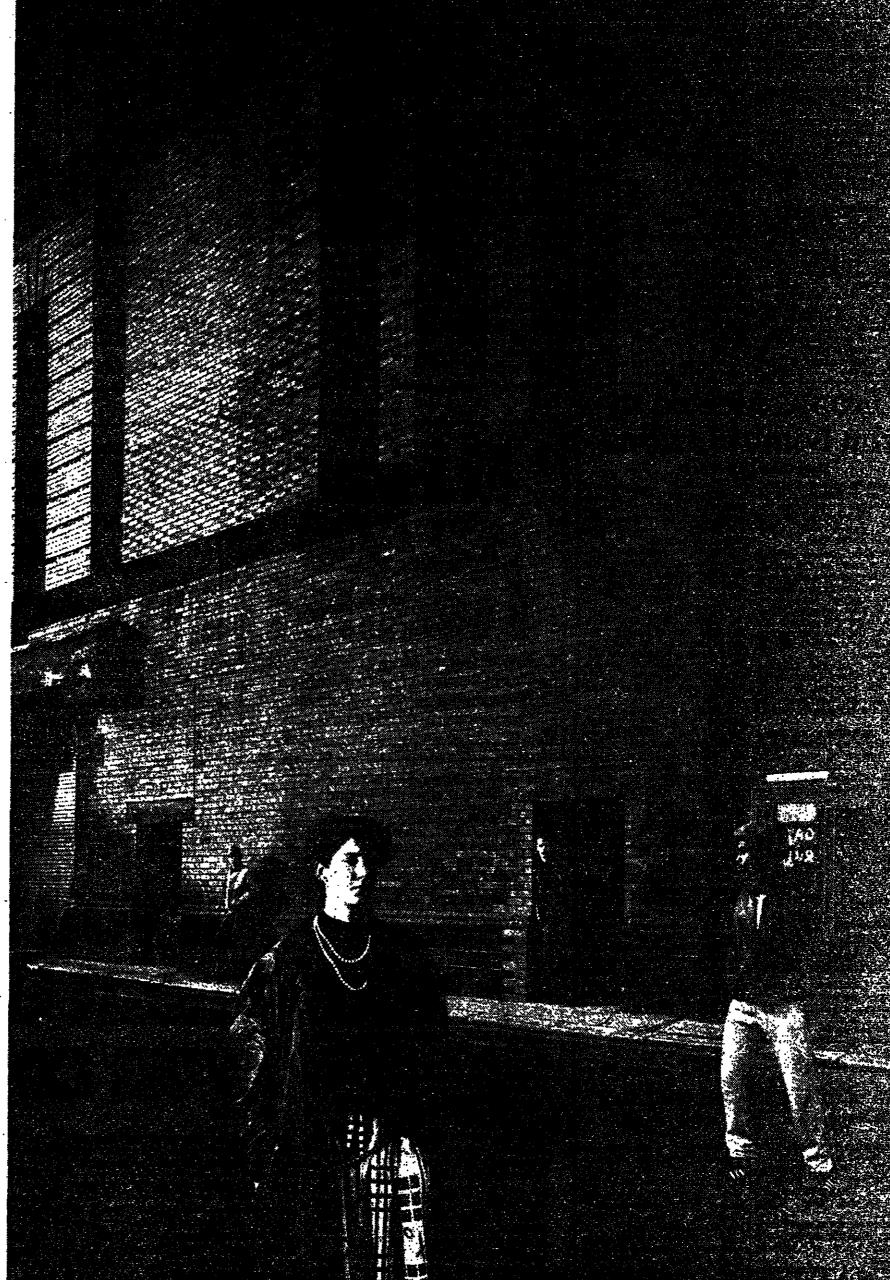
Like 70% of the youngsters on the ITEC scheme, Steve Hill has found more than a niche for himself in industry.

Starting from scratch, he has built the foundations of a worthwhile career. Nevertheless, he does have other ambitions. While he's something of a microchip wizard by day, he's an embryonic rock star by night.

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East German leader's niece goes home with visa pledge

From Michael Bioyon, Bone

husband, two children and apparently paid large sums of mother-in-law to East Germany, a West German Governto leave. ment spokesman confirmed

but have not said when. The family was said to have been embassy.

The West German Border recently without firm guarantees.

The arrangement was nego-tiated by Herr Wolfgang Vogel, last year 51 East Germans, the East German lawer who is including nine soldiers, risked a close confidant of Herr Erich their lives crossing the mined the Honecker, the party leader. He has negotiated the exit of Germany. Three were injured the confidence of the

No details of the deal have empts to cross the border, been released here, but Bonn The annual report sai and East Berlin were clearly East Germany was continuing interested in a swift end to the to dismanule the automatic embarrassing incident with a minimum of publicity.

ried that the affair could sour now clear, but the guns were the improving relations still in place along a further 240 between the two German states. It came at a time when a record from the main border, had been number of East Germans have raised from 6ft to 9ft to deter been streaming across the escapers, the number of auto-border, as East Berlin has matic trip wires had been granted exit permits to appli- doubled and concrete slabs cants. Some 2,000 arrived at the driven into the ground to

by the end of the year.

Frau Ingrid Berg, the niece of German wish to display a more Herr Willi Stoph, the East human face in anticipation of a German Prime Minister, has left the West German Embassy for more credit arrangements. in Prague and returned with her The West Germans have

Because of her uncle's: position. Frau Berg's action was It is reliably understood here especially difficult to handle that the East Germans, after a without the East Germans week of intensive negotiations, losing face. But reports in have promised to give them several papers suggest that there visas to emigrate to the West, are at least 14 other East

Protection Service recently thousands of East Germans to during their escape. There were another 30 unsuccessful att-

The annual report said that scatter guns along the border, as Bonn was particularly worSome 33 miles of border were

Giessen in February (four times as many as in February last year) and 1,400 came in last year, as well as 200 shots from the East German side of horder. Herr Friedrich estimates that some 20,000 or Zimmermann, the Minister of more East Germans may come the Interior, said the change in the "inhuman barricades" had The liberalization is attri- not made this unnatural border buted by Bonn to the East any more penetrable.



Bullet and ballot: While troops killed 15 guerrillas in eastern El Salvador, peasant leaders of the Democratic Popular Union marched in San Salvador in support of the Christian Democrats in the March 25 poll.

Zia plans an Islamic election

From Hasan Akhtar, Islamabad

President Zia ul-Haq has given a clear indication that he would change the election system for the promised polls by March next year to make them conform; to the Islamic

He said that his present handpicked consultive council of about 280 members, functioning in place of parliament, would continue to exist until replaced by an elected house.

General Zia, addressing local

councillors from all over Parkis-

tan at Sibi in Baluchistan on announce in two and a half Wednesday, said he was launch-ing his campaign for elections to the national and provincial assemblies from that province. He urged the local councillors to go to the people and tell them

that only the Islamic system

would result in the election of

God-fearing true Parkistanis to lead the people.

months' time his decision whether to permit political parties to contest elections. He would also announce the election schedule. General Zia's statement to

keep the consultive council alive during the polls is expected to give an edge to his chosen supporters in elections Though some important against the opposition, which is elements of General Zia's not even permitted under proposed Islamic elections are martial law to function as a

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Turkey ends martial law in 13 provinces

The Turkish Cabinet decided vesterday to lift martial law in 13 of the country's 67 provinces for the fist time in five years. but extended it for at least four months in the rest (our corre-spondent in Ankara writes). In eight of the 13 provinces. however, a state of emergency will remain in force under which governors enjoy sweeping powers and are empowered to ban strikes, and curb unions

Commission wants £8,300m more to keep EEC solvent

From Ian Murray, Brussels

The European Commission states vesterday it asks for its £26m. spending ceiling to be raised by about £8,300m a year at present

The proposal will be put to the European summit in three weeks' time, along with ideas ' for reforming the common agricultural policy and reducing the size of Britain's share of Community financing. It is not the Commission's

intention that all this extra

money should be spent at once. But it insists that the legal ceiling must be raised substantially if the Community is not to be locked into a perpetual argument over its cash crisis. Not until 1986 at the earliest could any extra money be made available, even if the summit were to approve it. This is because any increase would need to be ratified by all

national parliaments, a long process taking well over a year.
The Commission estimates that by 1986, if Spain and Portugal are admitted to the Community, spending will immediately have to rise sub-

The European Commission has named its price for keeping that the Community can have the EEC solvent and vital up to no more than about £15,316m the turn of the millenium. In a this year and it is already paper circulated to member committed to spend all but

Of this total about 7,000m is raised by payment of a pro-portion of value-added tax receipts, and it is this proportion which is subject to the

"ceding". Because VAT is charged on different items and at different rates throughout the Community, a hypothetical rate based on a common basket of goods and services has been set and used to calculate a hypothetical VAT revenue total.

At the moment the member states have agreed to hand over up to I per cent of this total to the Community. The Com-mission wants to double that percentage, and so make up to twice as much money available from VAT.

Both West German members of the commission objected to the proposed increase, which was strongly supported by Mr Christopher Tugendhat, the British Budget commissioner.

It is already clear that both countries will need a lot of stantially above the present countries will need a lot of ceiling. Even with the kind of convincing before agreeing such strict budgetary discipline an increase. Britain, in particu-Britain is demanding, there lar, will never allow any rise would be no money available unless it is totally satisfied that for funding any new policies, it is being asked to pay no more and scarcely enough to pay for than a fair share towards the

Soviet number two role for Gorbachev

Moscow (NYT) - Mr Mikhail Gorbachev, the youngest member of the Politburo and the one considered closest to Mr Andropov before the Soviet leader's death, seemed to affirm his standing as number two on the ruling council on Wednesday, when he addressed voters only two days before Mr. Chernenko.

Speaking in Itapovo in the nothern Caucasus, Mr Gorbachev focused strongly on economic issues, listing many grammes that were begun under Mr Andropov in eforts to

revise the Sovier economy.

The emphasis suggested Western diplomats that Mr Gorbachev, who originally joined the Politburo as an expert on agriculture, had been given broad responsibility for the economy, perhaps to prusue the changes initiated by Mr

Andropov.

Mr Gorbachev passed only lightly over foreign affairs in his speech, which was published in Izvestia. He seemed to strike a somewhat less strident tune on feferring to the United States than either Mr Andrei Gromyko, the Foreign Minister or Marshal Dmitri Ustinov, the Defence Minister. He declared that Moscow was ready "to use any real chace fro fair negotiations, for reaching practical

Ther had been several earlier signals that Mr Gorbachev, who is 52, had assumed a strong position in the Polithuro Mr Chernenko was named party leader. He had made the closing comments at the Central Committee session that selected Mr Chernenko. and he stood to the right of the new leader after his appoint-

Western diplomats said the timing of his address to voters seemed to be the strongest cyidence so far of his standing in the leadership. In the weeks preceding Sunday's uncon-tested elections to the Supreme Soviet, Politburo members each make a speech to the district from which they are formally nominated.

The speeches generally come in ascending order of importance, and the last two are



Mr Gorbachev: Key speech on economic policy.

who is scheduled to speak

today. senior Gromyko Ustinov, Mr Gorbachev seemed to underline his position.

Diplomats said it remained unclear whether Mr Chernenko had advanced Mr Gorbachev, or whether his promotion was a bargain struck between Mr Chernenko and those Politburo members who preferred a younger leader and wanted assurances that the changes Mr Andropov had set in motion would not be abandoned.

In his speech, Mr Gorbache listed many of the priorities Mr Andropov had set when he first came to power in November. 1982, such as modernizing industrial technology, improv-ing management, bolstering labour discipline, fighting cor-ruption and increasing industrial production.
Mr Gorbachev was get

regarded as the Polithara member responsible for carrying on many of Mr Andropov's projects as the leader's health deteriorated. He had also played an important role in efforts to bring new blood into regional party machines and in cracking down on corruption.
In his speech Mr Gorbachev
spoke of "further enforcing order, increasing exactingness, organization and discipline and

waging uncompromizing struggle with the negative phenomena that contradict our morals and socialist legality". Mr Gorbachev's treatment of

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foreign affairs was too brief to give diplomats much grist for analysis. reserved for the premier, Mr Nikolai Tikhonov, and the party chief, Mr Chernenko, Senate defeat for Reagan

in nuclear exports vote From Mohsin Ali, Washington

The Senate, ignoring Reagan Administration pleas for more leeway, has voted to ban exports of nuclear equipment of technology to nations which do not have nuclear weapons and have not signed the Non-Proliferation Treaty.

The amendment to a Bill revising export controls was approved by voice vote on Tuesday. It was supported by a coalition of conservatives and liberals who fear diversion of equipment to nuclear weapons.

The prohibition would affect countries such as Argentina, Brazil, India, Iran, Iraq, Pakistan and South Africa, 2

congressional aide said. Its critics argued that the ban

would not work, since prohibited countries could get nuclear technology and equipment elsewhere.

The Senate had earlier defeated, by 55 to 38 votes, an alternative offered by the Administration. This would have allowed more discretion in US nuclear exports for peaceful

The Administration argued

that the US must participate in nuclear trade to be able to influence it. Its proposal would have encouraged nations to abide by standards of the Non-Proliferation Treaty and the International Vienna-based Agency, Atomic Energy

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End of an era as Pierre Trudeau quits, leaving a void at the heart of political life

Canadians in two minds about maverick who gave them a touch of class

From Trevor Fishlock, Ottawa

and approving, scandalized and "A lot of us hated him. A lot

of us liked him, too," the girl said, "We'll miss him because he made us come alive. Trudeau got us by the scruff of the neck and shook us. And for all his faults and failures he made Canada less mundane and made us more aware and proud of our country. That's what Pierre Trudeau always polarized. The intensity of the lovehate relationship between leader and led was part of the fabric of

union demonstrators. He has Westerners marked Mr Trudeau always been a good hater and as a French Canadian who did has conducted a long acrimoni—not care about them. the extraordinary Trudeau era and the most remarkable career

and the most remarkable career in Canadian politics.

Apart from the nine-month Tory hiccup of 1979-80, he led the Liberals and the country for 16 years. It is curious that such a conservative, orderly and (compared with the other North Americans) understated, people should have been led for so long by a man who instinctively and defiantly out assues the gram an intellectual French Canadian appressive infinitely and conservative. French Canadian appressive in the political and social consensation, and possessor, or one of the political and social consensation, and possessor, or one of the politics.

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Party will start lining up.

new leader and Prime Minister

the end of June. Mr Trudeau

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The constitution has been rie never repressed the Puck deau objective. It gives Canada and Peter Pan in his character, the opportunity to make its own. He pirouetted behind the Queen's back at Buckingham Mr Trudean decimal Palace. He still dances at discontinuous and to be more truly itself. Queen's back at Buckingham Mr Trudeau derived his place. He still dances at discos support from well populated at nearly 65, and echo of Eastern Canada and notably "Trendy Trudeau". He has from Quebec. He never cut never shrunk from playing much ice in Western Canada; rough and Canadians remember and part of the antipathy to him. his rude finger-gestures to sprang from Western suspicion people who displeased him, his and resentment towards the snarled "Manger de l'merde" to federal Government in Ottawa.



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reality, the pro-government press yesterday published a statement from the Deputy Prime Minister which announced that on Tuesday the Government had been told by the Vatican that it was prepared of Malta, Mgr out any obstruction in the form of Moreica, had to declare of conditions from both sides

Fears grow in Congress over **Central America policy**

Washington headlines illuminates the immediate direction of United States policy in Central America: "Reagan plans rise in military moves"; "US agrees to sell helicopter parts to Guatemalans: Reconnaissance flights planned in Honduras". More El Salvador arms aid

US economic and military involvement in the nations of death squad activities. The nation of death squad activities are the nation of death squad activities. the region El Salvador is bentral to the policy. As that shattered republic Training training to the Reagan military coup. Ironically, the Administration is plotting how stronger the Americans make best to bypass Congress and the Salvadorean Army, the bolster the demoralized Army more it raises the possibility of with another infusion of money. a coup.

After the collapse of Mr Those After the collapse of Mr Reagan's policy in Lebanon, what happened in Lebanon, there is a greater nervousness in two days the mood in Congress thou the Administration of the Mashington of investment in the stakes assumed and considerable of the Mashington of investment and construction of the Pesident and the stakes assumed and construction of the Element of the Participation of the Pesident of the Participation of the partic

selection of recent United States in a difficult impose conditions, for three position. It pushed hard for the election and has a huge stake in the outcome because it represents such a critical test of Mr Reagan's attempt to promote democracy.

But neither of the two principal presidential candidates appears to offer such a rare Central American pheno-rare is a pattern to events, a nemon as democracy. Major steady, inexorable escalation of Roberto D'Aubuisson, the ultra-conservative, is suspected of José Napoleón Duarte is so ered republic moves distrusted by the right that his residential elections election could remain the remain that his remain the remain that th election could precipitate a military coup. Ironically, the

Those considerations, plus

principal reasons: the region is in such turmoil that the basic instruments of government are ill-equipped to handle a windfall of money, there is strong evidence that US economic assistance programmes have been extensively mismanaged; and there is no convincing reason to believe that large sums of American money will reverse the endemic brutality.

Confidential State Department reports conclude that many of the Central American institutions responsible for distributing American assist-ance have had difficulty handling the present level of financing. Abuses cited include the illegal diversion of funds for private gain. fraudulent accounting procedures and spending that never reached the

The sums involved almost certainly run into several million dollars annually. Not only is the question of assistance an issue in itself - so is the question of whether places like Salvador have the wall and the minastructure to distribute it officitively, fairly and honestly.

Mr George Shultz, the Section of State, his undestand still the to play down the free graphing. It any spend-the programmes even in the United States, por everything is

A minor bombshell crajed in Nato at the beginning of the week. In an article in The magazine, Dr Henry Resumer, the former American Secretary of State, made some resounding

confidence of an unfavourable of vice. Since diplomats considered that "Dr Kissingers arguments rested on a profound dy misappreciation of the status and divelopment of Europe in possible are indeed, dramatical Warning the public on both is sides of the Atlantic about the disintegration of the Alliance, at the believes that the situation by an in assumption of greater responsibility by the European allies. It is savocited that by 1990 Europe should assume the disintegration of greater responsibility for convenient in a special pround defence, a European of fine allicitionally American post criticisms of the Alliance and proposed some startling mea sures to reshape it structure. Dr Kissinger is highly respected here for his knowbelieved to be close to President Reagan. However, there was considerable criticism of his ideas in Nato. Although American officials initially considered his proposal a positive, they

also disagreed with them in every detail, calling the Alliance healthy, the strategy viable and the structure sound. West German sources said-Herr Alois Mertes, Minister of State at the German Foreigh Ministry, described the pro-posals as "more harmful than helpful". Dr Joseph Luns the traditionally American post of supreme commander in Europe and an American the traditionally European one of Nata secretary general. He also proposes that Europe should take over the Nato's Secretary General called them "a bolt from the blue" General Bernard Rogers.

responsibility for arms control negotiations for weapons stationed on European territory, that is those for inter-mediate-range unclear forces (INF) and the Vienna troop reduction talks (MBER).

Diplomats point out that the

MBFR negotiations are al-ready conducted on a multinational basis, and the Nato side is not, in any case, led by the Americans. As for the stalled INF negotiations, these could not be conducted by Europeans because the weapons are American and their control and use is primariy an American responsibility.

Responsibility for conventional ground defence is already largely European. Nato diplomats point out, quoting a March, 1982, report to the US Congress by the Secretary of Defence, which listed the European allies as providing 90 per cent of the ground forces 80 per cent of the combat aircraft and tanks and 70 per cent of the fighting ships in European waters and the Atlantic.

Leadership battle looming

Mr Pierre Trudeau's decision matic and unexpected, Mr Mr Turner, aged 54 to resign after 15 years as Prime Minister has stunned Canadians and, for a brief moment at least, left a big void at the heart of the country's political life. The calm is not expected to

for several months. for several months.

The speculation had allated after reaching a crescence last last for long, however. Probably within a week or so, candidates weck with news reports suggesting that his long-awaited thore for the leadership of the Liberal convention to choose a

will probably take place towards

Trudeau caught nearly everyone maintained an astoney announcement on Wednesday, many Liberal Party even though it had been the aven though he has been main subject of speculation there is the learning of the clearly of the clear of the cle The rest of the state of it contenders is dominted Cabinet members: The En

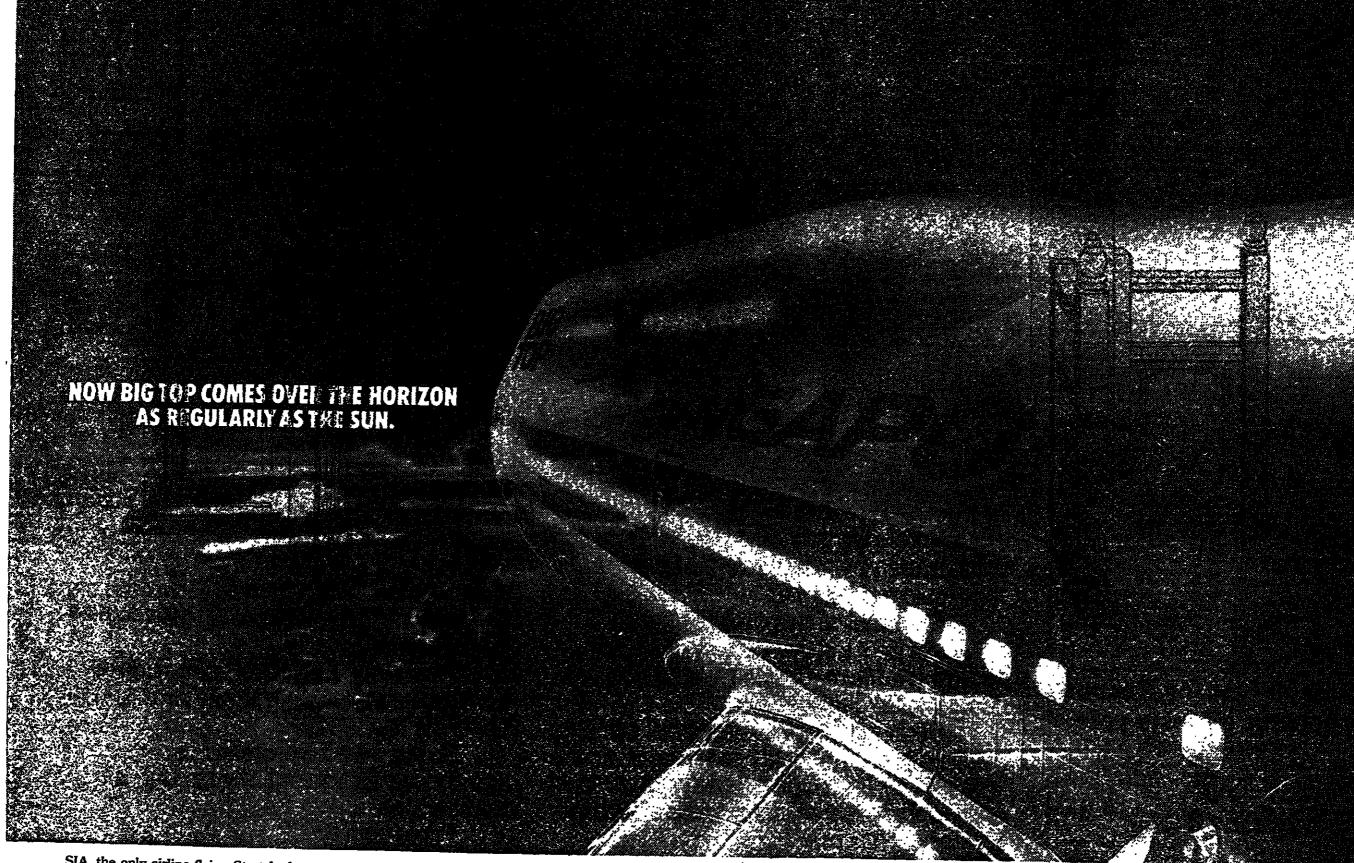
Minister, Mr Jean Chrétien Minister of Justice, Mr Mark was inminent.

There are expected to be any number of candidates for Mr the Minister of Justice Mr Trudeau's job, beginning with Mr John Turner, a former the Minister of Purpose Mr John Turner, a former the Minister of Purpose Mr John Turner, a former the Minister of Purpose Mr John Turner, a former the Minister of Purpose Mr John Turner, a former the Minister of Purpose Mr John Turner, a former the Minister of Purpose Mr John Turner, a former the Minister of Purpose Mr John Turner, a former the Minister of Justice Mr John Turner, a former the Minister of Justice Mr John Turner, and Justice Mr Justice Mr

make the required declaration.

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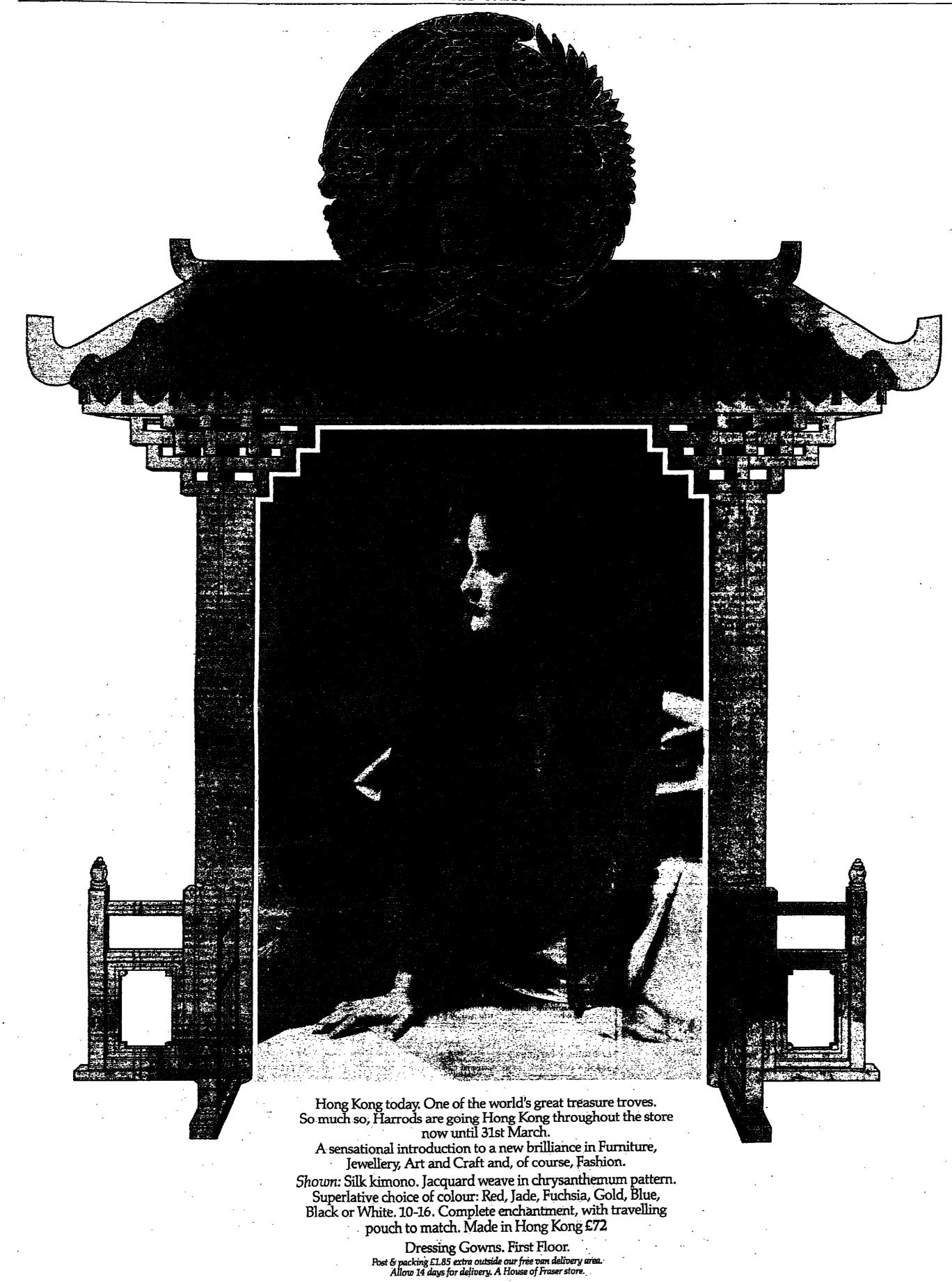
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Heroes of American righteousness

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Street Fleet (15) ¹iaza

Christine (18) eicester Square Theatre

Acceptable Levels (15) Everyman Hampstead

om Wolfe prefaces his book The light Stuff with the reflection: vorld War a certain fashion set in mong writers in Europe and soon pread to their obedient colonial ounterparts in the United States. var was looked upon as inherently tonstrous... The old-fashioned tale f prowess and heroism was relegated) second and third-rate forms of terature." Variety more ranged climate: "Just a few years

30, getting gung ho about the The ight Stuff simply couldn't have con possible for young hipsters." The patriotism and chauvinism of he Right Stuff are not as strident or nrelieved as a Soviet nationalist pic; but it is unlikely that the film ould have been made except in the nosphere of the Second Cold War. volfe's purpose in the book was to splore the psychological mystery of by the first astronauts were willing delighted, rather - to take on such dds in an era "long since characte-zed as the age of the anti-hero". hilip Kaufman, as writer and

leven-year-old Michael Light, aid his parents, fancied public hool through reading Enid lyton and Goodbye Mr Chips. lichael himself said "the ublic schoolboy is cleverer to than normal schoolboys". hanks to the Government ssisted Places Scheme, now irce years old. Michael is ursuing excellence as he sees it ment, which St Bees has. t St Bees, Cumbria, a school Michael's presence at the school, which charges £4,000 a stablished in 1583 and now coducational. day pupils, costs him £150 a

BBC2's Forty Minutes folwed Michael there and term. irough his first term. It also The atched the progress of 13-year- One critic, Mr John Rae, ld Kathleen Roberts, whose headmaster of Westminster ther's dying wish that she be ducated at the school was calized by the scheme, and usannah Wright, 11, whose arents, both former State chool teachers, run a small ottery business,

Michael's father, who has five ther children, is a semi-skilled orker in a Barrow shipyard, education should be preferred le favours corporal punish-

director of the film adaptation, is more simply concerned to trace the practical processes and national glory involved in forming men to conquer

The story covers 16 years, from the breaking of the sound barrier by Chuck Yeager in the late 1940s to the reception of the triumphant astronauts at their new base in Houston, Texas. The film documents the Texas. The film documents the selection of those few possessed of the Right Stuff (which excludes Yeager for want of a college education); the rigorous medical examination (which provides comic relief of a peculiarly American tame; involving enemas, and traine; and semen sampling); the Hestanlean trials of conditioning and training. the special problems of celebrity.

The astronauts are the Magnificent Seven. pitched not only against the cosmos but against the world as well. Like Western heroes, their courage. and righteousness (and in this ca the virtue of their wives) are seen in relief against the folly and wickedness of the midgets who surround them. The men from NASA are clowns who play their big scene while being seasick (more American gastric humour) over the side of an aircraft carrier. The boffins who have created the space hardware are comic Germans who say "Ja, Ja" and spend their leisure time singing "Lili Marlene" around the canteen piano. The press are malevolent locusts who beat their wings in fury against the windows of the good people they torment, Lyndon B. Johnson is a petulant, publicity-hungry villain...
The only people who are allowed

to approach the astronauts in human stature are Kennedy - who is not impersonated like the rest, but brought on like an icon in bits of old actuality footage - and Ike, who appears dramatically from the shadows of the cabinet room to play his part as the wise old statesman. It is, through and through, a WASP-ish. world: the film lasts more than three hours, and not a single black face is

The film concentrates on four of the seven astronauts - Glenn (Ed. Harris), Shepard (Scott Glean), Cooper (Dennis Quaid) and Grissom. (Fred Ward). The men are sharply characterized, though generally with rather fewer and smaller warts than Tom Wolfe gives them. In particular Glenn (who was already a Demo-

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year for boarders and £2,700 for

The scheme is controversial.

School, has remarked that it is

"trying to deal with a famine by

paying for a few children to

have tea at the Ritz". The Cumbrian director of edu-

cation, Mr Peter Boulter, said

he thought it implied that, if

parents wanted a good edu-

cation for their children, private

"one system for people who can

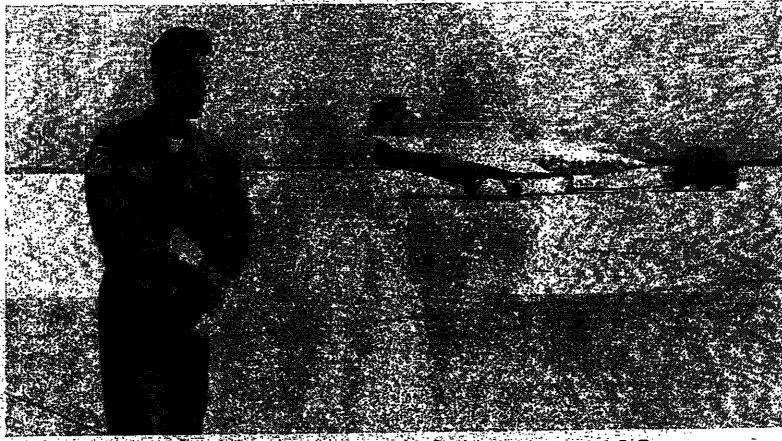
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is such an experience.



Sam Shenard's majestic Churk Vesger, preparing to test-fly the NF-104 in The Right Stuff

cratic candidate for presidential nomination when the film was begun) is no longer still stuffy and pious, but a regular guy with the diffident grin of a Wayne or Cooper. While the filter drastically since. plifics psychology and attitudes. there are compensations in the speciacle—the lest fliers and astronauts set out on their mystic explorations of the future from

explorations of the future note, prime val deserts and performances. Especially notable are Sam Shepard's majestic. Yeager and Mary Jo Deschanel's touching playing as Glean's say and stammering wife. Champions also attempts an epic of human courage; though on a more intimate scale it is based fairly faithfully on Bob Champion's own

Susannah was third in her form.

Harry Weisbloom's sharp little programme reminded us of this educational sideshow and the gala opening was graced the interest of Princess

Operetta

February 29; birthday of the

hapless Frederic in Pirates (who

would now be a cemenarian of

32), was a suitably Gilbertian day for Ed Mirvish to unveil the

Anne in a peach-coloured robe:

that had more than a touch of

Even in this setting Brian Macdonald's Stratford Ontario

production still looked spec-

taculat. And is a rare pleasure,

not least for word audibility's sake, to hear Gilbert and Sullivan in a theatre roughly the

Perhaps because of Strat-

ford's layout there is virtually;

no permanent set, hut Susan Benson's magnificent, seem-

ingly pristine costumes fill the

stage with brillians draperies lit-

to gladden the heart of Gilbert, who dressed half his original cast in genuine antique kim-

ones. Tumblers and dancers

rather too frequently, bring on

bamboo decks, a cherry tree, or

lighting melting from gold into

silver as she recalls that the

moon, too, is her sister.

the lapanese about it.

size of the old Savoy.

The Mikado

pay, another for the peasants.

Mr. Malcolm Thyre, headmaster of St Bees, thought if

good. If comprehensives could not afford books it was deplor-

able, but problems in one ates should not deter advances in

another. St Bees thrives, with a record number of pupils. Michael, after a restless first

term, did better in his examin-

ations than expected. Kathleen

showed great improvement and Susannah was third in her form...

of this educational sideshow

beneficiaries come from fee-

paying schools, has 6,000; unfilled places a year. It is

cost the taxpayer £17m this

year. If taxpayers had a choice,

one wonders if they would

choose this way of allocating

Dennis Hackett

scarce resources.

meant to give choice and will

without prejudice. The scheme, seven out of ten of whose

Timer Tailor Soldier Sep as well as two feature blins. The Dogs of War and Ghost Store but his background, like that of his priducer Peter Shaw. has been in documentary. With John Hurt (the most documentary of actors) in the leading role, a substantial part of the film is devoted to unsparing detail of the agonising side effects of the chemotherapy. The patient's battle will no doubt be properly inspirational to cancer sufferers for the rest of us, though, it

is pretty frightening. It is hardly a relief when the film interouts memory scenes of Cham-pion of horseback, excessively lyrical and backed by overwrought music that does less than credit to the admirable Carl Davis. If we are record of how, at the height of his admirable Carl Davis. If we are career as a steeplechase jockey, he called upon to share Champion's became a victim of severe cancer agonies, we share his victory too, in Champion faced the terrible, seems, what must be one of the best-shot ingly endless ordeal of months of climates in racing pictures, capturing chemotherapy, and afterwards beat both the exhilaration and the ordeal overwhelming odds to return to (for men and mounts) of the Aintree racing and win the 1981 Grand courses.

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The film's director, John Lyin, has Laura del Sof as principal dancer. In

this case the ballet is an inventive flamenco adaptation of Bizet, and produces some spectacular set-pieces. the fight in the tobacco factory, and Gades's farucca. Saura has however naiwisely diluted the fascination, of watching the evolution of an art-work with a rather childish notion of having life imitate art - the love affair of the choreographer and his Carmen follows the same tragic course as Merimée's tale of passion

and murder -Beyond the Brooklyn Bridge and Street Fleet are unpretentious, old-fashioned, undernanding and quite likable comedies. The first, directed by Menahem Golan, written by the late Arnold Somkin and premiered in Tel Aviv, is traditional Jewish farce. Ellion Gould is the boy who falls in love with a shiksa (Margot Hemingway); Sid Caesar (in what is easily his funniest film performance) is Uncle Benjamin, the tribal head who brings economic sanctions to bear to try to keep his nephew in the community. Others in an appealing cast include Shelley Winters, Carol Kane, Burt Young and Francine Beers.

Street Fleet is more New York knockabout, relating the fortunes and misfortunes of a struggling cab company. The shocking ragbag of

misfits it employs discover they have at least esprit de corps, which enables them to bring to book both a gang of kidnappers and the local hack inspector. The writer-director was Joel Schumacher.

John Carpenter's latest film. Christine, is from a story by Stephen King, whose formula for terror is to endow inanimate things (a hotel in The Shining; here a motor car) with demonic personality. The idea of Christine the killer-car, pathologi-cally possessive of her owners, proves incapable of development enough to stretch to a 100-minute film, and Christine has some lethargic and predictable passages. Things liven up in the holocaust, and whenever Robert Prosky hits the screen as a foul-mouthed old curmudgeon of a garage proprietor.

Acceptable Levels, directed by John Davies, co-director of Maere, deals like that film with Belfast. Its theme is the obstacles (mostly selfmade) which prevent an English television crew from reporting the truth as they witness it. Despite the contributions of six credited screenwriters, the film, rather like Maere, is fatally diffuse.

David Robinson

Despite the comic gifts of (especially) Eric Donkin as Ko-Ko and Avo Kittask as the Mikado, the fun tends to be laboured and curiously charmless. The muse of comedy is coy and sometimes dislikes having her arm twisted. The apparently spontaneous mischief that makes Christopher Renshaw's present Sadler's Wells Gondoliers so delightful is absent. Richard McMillan's ramrodhaughty Pooh-Bah is an exercise in camp, whose yowls, snorts and clicks achieve little.

Happily, Mr Donkin's "little embellished with updatings. Ami-monarchists (of course). anti-Mirvishists, the assassins of the D'Oyly Carte (how generous) are noted for the chop; even xenophobic Canadians and comic baritones doing their best. Unnervingly resembling the Japanese wife of a well-known West End impresario, Marie Baron's Yum-Yum flutters with enchanting weightlessness into the arms of John Keane's spirited and sometimes very euphonious Nanki-Poo.

And, arriving magnificently in a vast chest that opens to give him a regal background. Mr Kittask's all-sublime emperor is a fusion of tyrant and incurable humorist with which only Timothy West's Stalin can stand comparison. The punishments this Mikado might devise for heavy-handed comic pro ducers and musical arrangers would be a jape indeed.

Anthony Másters



Emperor all-sublime - Avo Kittask

Maedonald's thoreography, launching the show with a superbly drilled male chorus, timing their lan movements to a. split second, greeting Ko-Ko's opening solo with busy bows of a bonzar for Ko Ko to perch in congrutulation or familing them.

like his little tom-sit. A buge selves gravely to cover applause disc descends for Yum-Yum's for themselves. They also sing The sum whose rays its stirringly which brings me.

regretfully, to the music.

Without committing a wholestaging it
sale rape on the lines of the Jo
ceremony.

Papp Pirates of Penzance score, Berthold Carriere has "arranged Sullivan, touching up the orchestration like an art restorer improving an Old Master. Why? For every witty louch there are dozens that offend, including a tastelessly tinkly "All is right as right can be" and orchestral additions to the Act II madrigal which the director mauls further by staging it as a clattering tea-



impressive is Mr



Opera

Handel had never been given by the Metropolitan Opera, an historical gap which was remedied when Rinaldo entered the

repertory. The production, seen in Ottawa in 1982, was a loan

from the National Arts Centre

of Canada. If the history of Handel performance in the past

lifty years has been of a gradual

progress from a corrupted edition towards what could be

termed a relatively straightfor-

ward representation of a given work, then the Met, through the

condition of its loan, has copied

Rinalde, which exists in two

versions (those of 1711 and 1731), has been refashioned in

an edition by Martin Katz which put simply conflates the two, moves arias around.

suppresses da capo sections and inserts numbers from other

operas. The most obvious

changes are the decision to move Rinaldo's "Cara sposa" so that it closes the second act

(thus giving Marilyn Horne two

curtain arias), and the inter-polation of the "battle" music

into her final aria "Or la

The producer, Frank Corsaro.

filled the stage with action, some of intrusive, but wisely

allowed the singers the stage for their vocal moments. Eugene

Collins's choreographing of the

battle scene for acrobats.

ance of the trumpet aria, rightly

brought down the house, but

what I missed in the production

was spectacle. Rinaldo was

Handel's gage flung at the London public to get their

attention, and if there is a

theatre that could reproduce the

kind of thunder and lightning

and flying machines he calls for

that theatre is the Met. Yet what

may have been effective in

Ottawa was less gripping here, despite lots of smoke, one

Although the production was

dragon and some stage effects.

created for Marilyn Horne, she

was not vocally outstanding.

For whatever reason, she was

not in good voice, and struggled

most of the evening under the pitch, which affected her usually

secure rhythmic and coloratura

sense, and which made her slow

traversal of "Cara sposa" an

ordeal. But she gathered herself

There is probably no more

effective bravura entrance aria

than Argante's "Sibilar", and it

was fitting that this was Samuel

Ramey's debut in the house. He

instantly became the Met's premier basso contante and

garnered the evening's ovations.

clunky and nondescript; his

costumes resplendent. The conductor, Mario Bernardi,

never enhanced Handel's writ-

ing: his reading lacked urgency.

musical line and, finally, a sense

of style. The orchestra

most lacklustre playing I have

heard from them.

Mark Negin's sets were

for an impressive

tromba".

Rinaldo

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Concert

Lontano/Martinez

St John's

Following their much vaunted, and as it turned out vauntable performee of the 74-year-old Minna Keal's Symphony three weeks ago, the Society for the Promotion of New Music returned on Wednesday to the quieter duty of helping fledgling composers of lesser years. Only one of the five represented in this programme, Judith Weir, has so far made much of a mark, and perhaps it was inevitable that her piece was the most thoroughly composed.

Called Several Concertos, it was a trio in which each of the instruments shone for a movement: the cello large and rhapsodic (it was clever plan-ning to make this the only appearance of a string instument in the whole concert, and

so enhance its expressive amplitude) where the piano was mercurial and the piccolo surprisingly plaintive. There was wit here too, as well as strong character.

Of the rest, Erika Fox's Quasi una cadenza worked the E flat clarinet towards an excruciatingly penetrating scream at the top of its range, and Avril Anderson's The Grass Harp played appealing games in bringing four wind instruments into and out of a single quick-moving musical line strident in moving musical line, strident in rhythm and sonority.

The gentler things came from the men. Andrew Vores's contribution was a set of Fire Fantasias on Two Laments, allowing dissonant harmonies. counterpoints and elaborations to stray around "Ye banks and braes" and an Irish folksong. It boasted fine singing from Mary King and imaginative playing from Lontano under Odaline de la Martinez, but the purpose of so much wistfulness was ob-

Richard Hughes's Basho meditation Summer Grasses was shorter and more decisively structured, as well as being beautifully designed in colours of sparkling percussion around flute and voice supported by electric organ. This was his professional debut: next time he well try something

scure.

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"Capt. Stephens, there's something for you at left-luggage."

You might reasonably argue that bomb disposal is just about the worst job in the world.

And that any man who volunteers for such a precarious activity seriously needs his head examined.

Mark Stephens* would disagree.

He volunteered in 1969, shortly after joining the Royal Army Ordnance Corps.

(He could have chosen a specialisation like Management Sciences or Automatic Data Processing, but instead he chose bomb disposal.)

He hasn't lost a wink of sleep over his decision since.

"Basically, I think people over-estimate the dangers of the job," Stephens calmly explains.

"They have a picture in their minds of some poor soul snipping at wires while a bomb ticks away beneath him. In reality, that kind of situation is very rare.

These days, we usually neutralise a bomb with the aid of advanced technology. And from a safe distance, I assure you."

To master this technology, Stephens spent a year attending the Ammunition Technical Officers course.

For the first six months he studied at the Royal. Military College of Science – maths, physics, chemistry, electronics and fuel technology.

All to first year University standard.

Then, on to the Army School of Ammunition to learn the practicalities of handling explosives.

Not just bombs and incendiary devices, but also ammunition, mines and guided missiles.

He studied their composition and the means to make them safe.

He also studied the means to blow them up (in the case of bombs) with devices like the 'wheelbarrow,' pictured below.

As a fully-fledged Ammunition Technical Officer, Stephens took charge of an Explosive Ordnance Disposal team covering the West of England.

Needless to say, much of his two year posting was taken up with cases of mistaken identity.

"I've spent quite a few hours in railway stations and left luggage offices, often in the middle of the night," Stephens recalls.

"Most of the incidents were false alarms, but you always have to assume they're real.

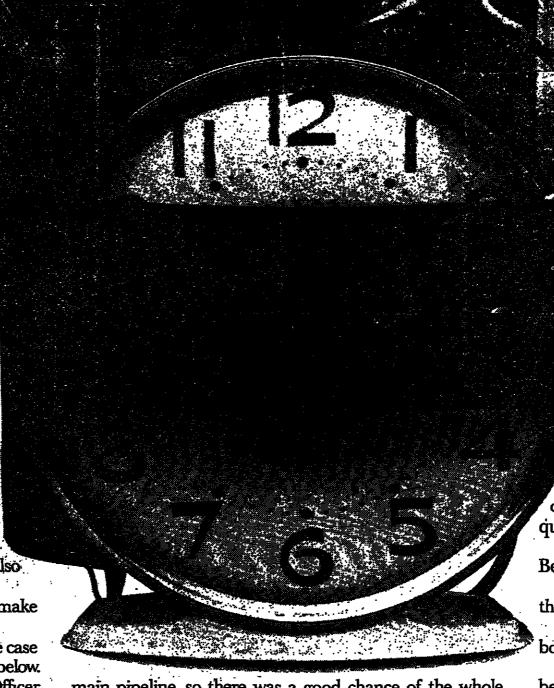
I've even sent in the 'wheelbarrow' to dispose of a bag of apples before now."

During this time, he also had to deal with a number of 'live' bombs.

An interesting case occurred when he was called to an oil refinery in South Wales. An incendiary device had been discovered in a hut used as a flammable chemicals store.

"Unfortunately, the hut was right next to the

The Wheelbanow



main pipeline, so there was a good chance of the whole refinery going up.

The first priority was to attach a hook and line to the device and drag it out of the immediate danger area.

We accomplished that pretty quickly but then had a tense wait in case a delayed action mechanism had been triggered.

It hadn't, so we neutralised it with a controlled explosion.

Standard procedure was then to search the area for other bornbs.

We eventually found a suitcase hidden in a large dustbin. After much yanking and pulling with the hook and line we got it open and examined the contents through a telescope. Panic over.

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It was full of fancy dress clothing." **Equipping the Army.**

Although Mark Stephens volunteered for bomb disposal in 1969, he didn't attend the Ammunition Technical Officers course until 1975.

During the intervening years he gained a thorough grounding in the workings of the Royal Army Ordnance Corps.

In short, the main job of an Officer in the RAOC is to supply the needs

of every soldier in the Army.

From the vehicle he drives and the food he eats, right down to the boots he wears.

Stephens' first posting in this capacity was to Cyprus, as part of the United Nations peace-keeping force.

"I fell right in at the deep end," he says.

"I'd spent seven months learning how to keep a Britishsoldier happy, only to find myself also catering for the needs of the other six armies in the UN force.

I had to provide them with things like coal and wood for sames

I even had to organise the baking of twenty different types of bread."

After six months, Stephens was posted back to the UK where he was asked to head a climbing expedition in the Alps.

He set off for the Matterhorn, but on arrival found the weather unreliable.

During a particularly bad spell he settled down in a local bar to await an improvement.

"The television was on and the first thing we saw was pictures of Turkish troops parachuting into Cyprus.

Ten days later I was back in my old job,

wearing a United Nations uniform.

It was business as usual, apart from a few shell holes here and there."

Preparing for war.
In 1978, after finishing his two year tour of duty in bomb disposal, Mark Stephens was posted

to Germany.

He joined a team whose job it was to review contingency plans for the re-supplying of British troops in the event of war.

This entailed planning a continuous flow of ammunition, fresh food, fuel and clothing for the 50,000 soldiers of the British Corps. Plus the 40,000 Territorials that would muckly arrive.

Their plan covered supply lines that ran back to Belgium and the UK.

And involved the co-ordinated efforts of the RAOC, the Royal Corps of Transport and the front line troops.

"At the outset, the logistical problems were mindboggling," Stephens records.

"Yet the solutions you are expected to produce have to be very simple.

We work on the premise that, in war time, what can go wrong will go wrong. So we avoid complications at all costs."

The task completed: Mark Stephens returned to his role as an Ammunition Technical Officer.

He was based in Germany, and his focus of interest was not bomb disposal but missiles and ammunition.

He was in charge of technical matters concerning eight armmunition depots which housed, among other things, the Lance missile.

He had to ensure safe storage of the missile's propellant, its guidance systems and control mechanisms. "That's what makes a career in the RAOC so

"That's what makes a career in the RAOC so fulfilling," says Stephens.

"The Corps is continually being compared to a

High Street chain store, coping with the problems of supplying everything from lamb chops to lamp shades. And to a certain extent that analogy is true.

But when you add items like missiles and unexploded bombs, the picture becomes rather different.

I don't feel a career in civilian life could ever have offered me such variety."

If you would like to know more about life as an Army Officer, please write to: Major John Floyd,

Army Officer Entry, Dept. B2, Empress State Building, Lillie Road, London SW6 ITR.

The Lance.

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SPECTRUM

Punch-drunk fighter running out of time

The Times Profile: City of Liverpool

When you arrive in Liverpool and walk those evacuated streets, moving from one blotch of urban destitution into another, or drive from barren housing estates about to be abandoned, clustered around pathetically extinguished factories, to docks which stretch aimlessly and empty for miles, you cannot believe that this is a city with the energy to hurt Mrs Thatcher. You feel it may well haunt her, but it is unlikely to hurt her.

It is more likely to hurt itself. It is a city without resources - about to become the front line in the battle against the Government's spending cuts. In almost every way you can think of, it is defenceless. Liverpool today has no industrial base, nor has it raw materials; it has little skilled labour - the craftsmen have moved out: its docks have been undermined by the container trade. Partly because it is on the wrong side of England, neither bribes, nor cajoling, nor Indian trading by successive governments could persuade national or international companies to save it from their rationalization plans. Unlike



The people are not warriors

Manchester, which has outwitted it on almost every level - the skilled builders on Liverpool's housing projects often come from Manchester - it never managed to set up a nucleus of small businesses to feed off the larger ones, or partly to replace them when recession came.

its posture, fatally, has been too often that of being in service, as wellhecled retainer or casual and dependent helper. It was in service to the slave trade; assisted the passage of peasant and gent to the New World. facilitated the expansion of the Lancashire cotton trade. Then it stood by to service the car industry; biscuits, Meccano toys, all under pressure from modern industrial strategies and all have slid or are sliding from its grasp. Nothing would cling permanently, not cent. even Tate and Lyle golden syrup.

cannot believe that the great, hand-some buildings of the old days, like the Royal Liver building adjoining deso- When there are marches against lation, are part of the legacy of the factory closures, they appear to be led people of Liverpool today. They are more like luggage left temporarily race and no doubt bound to be collected and taken away.

Liverpudlians may have been fatally undermined by generations of casual employment. Fathers and grandfathers were well accustomed to a three or four day week, so psychologically their sons were more able than a southerner to cope with even more shrinkage. They are not rancorous, not restless people; they might be rowdy in pubs at closing time, but perhaps to their own disadvantage they are not really warriors.

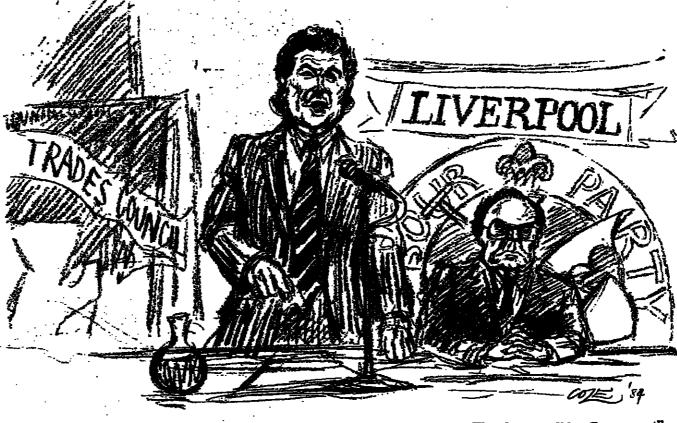
Alan Bleasdale, author of Boys from the Blackstuff. described the Liverpool character. "When you come into a room there is that initial aggression to get your opinion across. You have to be aggressive to make yourself heard, everyone talks so much. There is a definite struf until you make your point: then you say, well, that's OK then, I've been noticed. You give up, let the argument all dribble away, and spend the rest of the night having a drink and enjoying yourself." For this there are plenty of handsome pubs; and triple-decker drinking clubs open until 2 am. Disco for kids, cabaret with Scouse comedians, or in some places dancing for the elderly - "grab a

Like many people who live from day to day, Liverpudlians have the knack of easy human contact, but little taste for the disciplines and rigours which forge the impersonal skills which achieve material comfort.

Indeed, what is eerie about this city in its death throes is the absence - in its streets and its people - of a sense of threat: the absence even of a tangible sense of tension. You would detect more menace in the glance of a New York subway cop than you would in the faces of these candid and amiable people if you strolled through Liverpool for an entire night. Alcoholic squabbing seems to be an entirely private affair.

Such social serenity is bizarre. It can only be the result of lethargy or a kind of incurable innocence which cannot tell the difference between profound urban decay and seasonal crisis. While the official unemployment figure for "travel to work in the Liverpool area" is around 22 per cent, in 1981 the Merseyside Census Digest, breaking down the figures by electoral ward, gave a clearer picture of the reality. For areas like Abercromby, Everton, Vauxhall, the figure, three years ago, was between 47 per cent and 51 per cent. There have been closures since, and there are closures to come. In contrast, the figure for the professional, middleclass area of Grassendale was 14.3 per

Another of Liverpool's problems is Once a great mercantile city, that unlike the great days of Boss Liverpool appears to have lost its politicians - Seaton, Braddock (who entrepreneurial skills. So oppressive is were indeed a mixed blessing) the sense of terminal decay that you Liverpool has now no outstanding political personalities capable of keeping the city's needs in the limelight. When there are marches against by the Cloth, represented by Arch-bishop Derek Worlock and Bishop behind by opulent giants of another David Sheppard. Although these men are known to be committed and genuine in their concern, there is a



Derek Hatton in full cry: "Liverpool will be a more powerful force than Margaret Thatcher and all her Government"

suggestion of reliance on old paternalistic institutions.

The present crisis might have thrown up a whirling dervish in the person of deputy council leader, Derek Hatton. Although he has easily eclipsed his leader, John Hamilton, on closer observation he does not display many of the attributes of a canny politician. He appears to have little patience for long-term, coherent strategies. He told me that when he was an amateur boxer going into the first round, he never saw the necessity for having a strategy for round two.

A trim man with a driving restless manner, he spoke of certain victory in a hoarse voice. ("My voice is destroyed with shouting at Jenkin", he said. But he didn't threaten, he claimed.) He declared: "When Liverpool as a city starts to move, quite honestly it will be a more powerful force than Margaret Thatcher and all her Government."

In a phantom city of essentially gentle people, this seemed a highly unlikely development. Hatton has almost certainly misread the willingness of the working class of Liverpool to take to the streets on a byzantine manoeuvre involving long-term high finance. A warning that submission to the Tory Government could mean a 70 per cent increase in rates has little meaning for them, since few of them pay rates; many have to be assisted to pay rent.

Derek Hatton is untypical of Liverpudlians in his taste for the theoretical, the obstinate rigidity of his thinking and the harshness of some of his attitudes. Liverpudlians, whose first principle is to be loyal to mates. did not at all appreciate his warning that those who did not support the strategy would become "lepers".

In addition, contrary to popular belief trade union solidarity is not that tight. Having no work place means little exposure to indoctrination.

There is also almost total incomprehension on every level - among extremism might be more appealing.

spoke to, professional people, men in pubs - as to just what bankruptcy would mean. Those who were willing to wrestle with its complexities (the majority treated it as none of their affair) were sceptical that politicians. Conservative or Labour, who have been unable to stop Liverpool rotting for decades would be galvanized into remedial action by a technical bankruptcy which opens a Pandora's box of

untested possibilities. Who would run the city? Commissioners - accountants, in other words. Would they have the necessary expertise or win essential cooperation? It was one thing for a commissioner to take over a single department, like housing in Clay Cross, administering relatively simple plans already worked out. But no commissioner has ever run a city. Would Barclay's continue to provide massive short-term loans? Would banks throughout the country

Union solidarity is not that tight

begin to back off from assisting other left-wing councils? Is this left-wing council about to provoke the financial destruction of left-wing councils?

But there is another Pandora's box which must inevitably flip its lid. The huge and still growing concentration of unemployed, disaffected youth who see no future for themselves. Some believe that the danger is not so much a growth of radical politics. It has been said that the demands revolutionary movements make of their members simply reading or discussing political theory - is probably too high for Liverpool's "passively alienated" youth. Nor would many of them be inclined to devote time to political organization. The street violence of

university and polytechnic students I What can be expected from them is persistent and pointless destruction.

A survey of the Vauxhall area, an area of multiple deprivation, revealed that, unlike the children of the "established" working class who are encouraged by their parents to see career prospects in education and to believe that school has some relevance. the Vauxhall children had no such illusions. These children recognize that school was marginal to their lives.

One consequence is that juvenile crime is high. A quarter of all prosecutions by the Merseyside police involved children under 16, and another quarter youths between 16 and 21. But this does not correspond fully to the reality, since a great number of offenders are never caught. Vandalism in Liverpool is not just a question of smashing windows. It has been described as "the systematic destruction of housing and social facilities" by youngsters who do not see it as a crime, but simply a way of passing the

On another level, the city is pinning its hopes on items such as Liverpool being named a free port, on the construction of a maritime museum, but above all on the International Garden Festival, which will run from May to October. The supposition here is that if you plant exotic flowers in superabundance in the graveyard docks, horticulturalists lusting after blossoms will converge on the city from all over the world and be so irresistibly taken by the wan charm of disabled Merseyside that they will create a permanent tourist boom.

The locals are not impressed by such herbaceous remedies. A citizen gave me his reaction: "One of those horticulturalists was here the other night; I'll never forget what he said for. the rest of my life; he said: 'For me, the daisy is the Action Man of the flowering world. The daisy!"

A look of consternation came over his face at the realization of the kind of

person the city was attempting to attract. "If the festival was in my own back garden," he added "I'd draw the

Richard Kemp, the Liberal spokes-man on economic development, also attempted to indicate for me where Liverpool's salvation might lie. In the Garden Festival certainly, but also in some great yearning he was convinced exists in the hearts of people out there for craft work from Liverpool. His admiration for these plucky craftsmen was too powerful for him to identify just what they might be producing, but eventually he said he did know a man who was producing three-piece suites at £1,000 a time.

Finally he had to admit that Liverpool's great contribution might

Sacrifice may be its contribution

be sacrificial; being at the front end of the devastation that the new microchip world will wreak on the old industrial cities. People could learn from Liverpool's fate. But then again they might

Professor Fred Ridley, head of the Department of Political Theory and Institutions at the University of Liverpool, had this to say: problem with Liverpool is that any kind of political analysis upsets people. it is seen as doing a disservice to the city, frightening away investors. There is a lot of emphasis on developments such as the reclamation of the docks for the Maritime Museum, the Garden Festival. This and aid to small businesses could not hope to mop up unemployment. Even if the whole economy of Britain was to revive. it would not help Liverpool. There would have to be a boom. The only way we would get a spin-off is if there



Council leader John Hamilton

was an excess productive growth somewhere else which could not be contained within London or Ricmine ham and had to come here. This is highly unlikely.

"The trouble is nobody can think of anything which it would be natural for Liverpool to provide. It seems to me to be extremely silly to insist on being optimistic. What the city should be doing is screaming for help."

Peter Lennon

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moreover . . . Miles Kington

Ireland, behind closed doors

topmost tip of Northern Ireland, watching the waves foam and crash over the blackened rocks, which was curious because the sea itself was dead calm. There was a little old man something into a white carrier bag, like a character in a nineteenth century print.

"Seaweed." he said, in response to my curiosity. "Brown seaweed, very good for cooking. It only grows two months of the year, in winter, so you have to know where and when to look for it." He told me how to cook it.

He told me how to recognize it. He told me that he had been born actually on the Causeway, in a house that was no longer there, and about the other six houses that were no longer there because they had been swept away, not by a storm, but by the National Trust, which had replaced them in safety on top of the cliff, and he would still be talking to this day if we hadn't had to move on to lunch near

The people we were having lunch with were a pair we had met and taken to at a Belfast party last November. And a terrific lunch it was too, though the roast lamb seemed gamier than usual. "That's because it's not lamb", said Patrick. "It's young goat, only we don't tell people that until after they've had a first helping, just in case they're prejudiced."

Well, everyone's prejudiced about Northern Ireland, and one of the things you have to put up with if you live there is English people coming over and expecting the place to be like Beirut. It's nothing of the sort. Perhaps I'm just lucky, but when I think back to Northern

Last Sunday morning 1 was standing at the end of the Giant's Causeway, on the Goal at Ballycastle, that float the cosy ambiance which makes goat at Ballycastle, that float into the mind. When we arrived at the Harbour Bar, five o'clock on Saturday, it was jam-packed, but by 6.30 it was nearly empty.
"It's the pattern," said the like the Harbour Bar on a big barman. "It fills up during the scale – not very much to look bent over the rocks, putting afternoon, then ebbs away. They'll all be back in an hour or so, ready for the evening. The place is open from 11.30 in the morning till 11 at night, when

the doors close. All that closing and opening you get in England have said: "... till eleven at night, when everybody goes which is at the heart of real lish lokes, not the crude ersatz lish lokes, not the crude ersatz lish lokes. the doors close. All that closing and opening you get in England - it's an awful waste of time." jokes, not the crude ersatz Irish jokes we've been fed in recent

at. but well worth getting inside. It's different there. For instance, did you notice that the barman said " . . . till eleven at night, when the doors you more about the place on Monday.

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Northern Ireland is maybe

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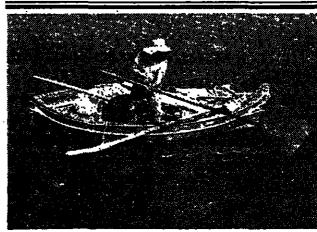
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COMMENT

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A lot of women seem to feel that the process of sexual revolution has ground to a halt of late. It is certainly the case that when jobs are squeezed at all, women are hardest squeezed and, as like as not. squeezed right out. There is also the disappointment that a movement which started out with a considerwhimper. But that would be to tanore the subtlety of the changes that are still going on. The old system may be only just clinging to its familiar and reassuring props.

Take, for example, the matter of top jobs. Most big organizations have now opened one or two turnstiles for women to enter the charmed circle. These organizations have, in fact, competed with one another to do just that. It is also clear that most of the women allowed through are there to demonstrate all the most disagreeable male traits. This, in the longer term, will justify the holding at bay of that veritable army of really dangerous women waiting in the

wings of power - the women who can deploy limide skills.

The men are not doing it consciously. Most of them are somewhat older. They are basically nice, with courtly manners, but they are absolutely hopeless in the face of a really determined and shameless woman - samething for which their life has not prepared them.

Many nembers of the next generation of men are made of sterner stuf. They are less pleasant on the whole, but they are not so irightened either of bossy older women or exy younger ones. They also know some of them, that talent is in despreacy short supply and you simply cannot afford to waste any of it.

Scarcity of talent is affecting women if other ways, too. It has dawned on them that the great majority of men are violent and almost quirely without subtlety or

sensitivity.
Workin who have postponed marriag, if need be indefinitely, are noticing that a great many of the best non are husbands and therefore officially off-limits.

Totomplicate matters further, the new hdependent women are behaving father like men always have; the/ are prepared to take their chaces and will not tie themselves do n irrevocably in the meantime. It is a confusing scene for the faminists. Are the new women pitors or leaders? The heresy of the ew women is to admit that not all men are awful and to behave like men in the ensuing and inevitable light. Perhaps the new women really are leaders of men and will emerge fairly soon in the commanding heights of society. Let us hope so. To do so, they are going to have to purge a few sisters along the way and seek out clever, resourceful and sympathetic allies among the men.

Alistair Mant

Safer flakes



If you are one of the five million people in Britain with a sensitive skin, you will know that some washing powders are your clothes in a

product containing enzymes or bleach and your skin becomes itchy and red. The National Eczema Society has

been inundated with queries about unexplained rashes, and complaints of bad bouts of eczema, after the introduction of a new Persil product. The "new system" Persil contains enzymes and bleach, though this is not stated on the box, and this has prompted the society to compile a list of products without irritants.

Beneficial bruises



Pictures of battered children often have one common feature the victims have

wide-eyed, terrified expressions. So when obviously happy chilof deliberate injury, tuen up in doctors surgeries, as they have in the past couple of years, it can be

Square, London WCI. (Tel: 388 4097). confusing. The patients are offspring of Victnamese refugees, and, far from having violent parents, these children have been tenderly treated for coughs and colds by the traditional method of it-sha.

Top of the list are pure soapflakes,

though they are not, of course, suitable for automatics, Inter-

national Stores, Safeways, Sains-

bury's, Tesco and Waitrose all

produce their own brand under the

description of low lather powders.

branches of Boots or Woolworth's.

Filetti, a Swiss washing powder,

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This involves first rubbing the skin with an aromatic substance and then pinching and pulling the skin until it is bruised. Western doctors have been misled by marks left by the massage which looks as though the child had been beaten with a stick or belt.

MEDICAL BRIEFING

The breath factor



Squash players are especially vulnerable to heart attacks.

Leprosy vaccine

Leprosy has always had a bad press, from biblical times to the present day, and the latest misconception about the disease came during

Princess Anne's recent trip to Africa. Some reports suggested that she ran a high risk of catching the disease when she visited a leper colony. In fact, leprosy, a bacterial infection which attacks the skin and nerves, is more difficult to contract than tuberculosis, which is caused by related

Lepers have been ostracized for centuries, largely because of the

Transplant trade



Doctors cstimate that only 10 per cent of potentially usable organs are made available for transplant operations in the United States. But Dr Barry H.

Jucobs, a surgeon from Virginia, got short shrift from both the medical profession and the public alike when he recently suggested that healthy individuals could sell one of their

a result of the nervous involvement, rather than because it is a highly contagious. Holding the limb of a leper is quite safe. Dr Gerald Ree, senior lecturer at

ghastly limb deformities it causes as

the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, who spent a long time in Africa, suspects that he has

had low grade leprosy infection. If leprosy is diagnosed early enough, it can be treated successfully with drugs. Unfortunately, there is now widespread resistance to one of them, dapsone, and the other, rifampicin, is expensive. According to Dr Rec. the hope for the Third World lies in a vaccine which is being developed in Britain and the United States.

kidneys, and he would set up a clinic

There is nothing at present in United States law to prevent Dr Jacobs from setting up such a clinic. But US transplant physicians have condemned the idea as "morally offensive and ethically indefensible"

John Cassavetes and Gena Rowlands

keep married strife for the

film screen. Marcel Berlins reports

Harmony behind the scenes

John Cassavetes and Gena Rowlands are a disconcerting couple to meet. Cassavetes writes, makes and acts in films about loneliness, desperation, the disintegration of relationships and the fragility of love. His wife is in most of them, playing roles in which depression, self-destructiveness, hysteria and the inability to cope

are the most frequent ingredi-In London for their latest film Love Streams, which won the Golden Bear at the Berlin Film Festival this week, and which opens on March 9, they turn out to be a friendly, jokey, affectionate couple with not a sign of torment or anguish between them. These purveyors of marriage breakdown on screen have been together 25 years, and have children with moreover, they claim to be on the most excellent terms.

Love Streams is probably

assured film, with none of the improvized dialogue and wayward camera work that marked his early films and gave him his reputation as a difficult and controversial director.

On the surface, it is a simple story of a divorced woman, rejected by her teenaged daughter, going to stay with her brother, a successful but empty and loveless writer. As with all Cassavetes's films, the storyline reveals little about the true power of the film, which lies in the convincing and moving portrayal of the complex emotions aroused when relationships

It is the first time they have played leading parts opposite each other, though Cassavetes has directed Gena Rowlands in most of her starring roles she played minor parts in several that I would easily have accepted uncertain about the relationships that people constantly approach



games - squash for example - seem

to be particularly vulnerable to

It has been suggested that

strenuous exercise puts too much

strain on the heart if a player has not

ingly, he already has underlying heart disease. But a recent report on

30 squash players who died this way

strenuous and competitive sport such

as squash the players simply do not

During energetic exercise, Dr Fowler explains, the body releases

adrenalin which stimulates the heart

to do this the heart needs extra

become starved of oxygen and this

could cause a heart attack.

breathe properly.

anexpected heart attacks.

Rowlands and Cassavetes: playing lead roles in the story of a crumbling relationship.

She said: "We've adjusted to each other. I think I've learned to treat him just like another director, not 100 per cent but most of the time. I also think he's got nicer over the years - to all actors, not just to me. But at the beginning it was difficult. You have this loving, protective busband and he turns into a

demanding dictator. The first time, in Faces that much different from other including A Woman under the directors. I just expected him to Influence and Opening Night and be different. When he said things

from other directors, I thought between his characters. "I still he was just picking on me. But as he's directed me more, I've learned to adjust.

Cassavetes, 55, is somewhat at a loss to explain why he makes the kind of films he does. "I would have liked to have made more commercial films, closely knit, not confusing, where there is an answer for everything and it's all greatly entertaining. But I started to make films, and none (1968), I can honestly say it was of that came out. Instead, this more my fault. He didn't act all expression of dissatisfaction kept

don't know what the brother and sister really feel about each

"My characters are not violent or vile. They're everyday people. They have some money, but find themselves discontented with their own loneliness, their own mortality, the sameness of life.

Rowlands is an intensely emotional actress, marvellous at portraying suffering and vulnerability. Her own life, she says has been largely free from the hurt dispair she ususally pro-Sometimes, he admits, even trays. Yet she has invaded that after finishing a film he remains mental territory so realistically

to buy and market them. Recipients could be sure of obtaining a "perfect match" of their own kidneys and donors would obtain a "free market"

> Olivia Timbs and Lorraine Fraser

her with their confidences.

There is no improvization in her performance. She dislikes changing even a single word of the script. "Perhaps it's a reaction against my early training as an actress, when we were told to feel free to change the language. Today, I accept the discipline of the dialogue. It's a challenge to me to make the works sound natural, even if

they appear to be unnatural".
Where did she get the understanding of the types she por-trays? "I'm Welsh", she laughs. She was indeed brought up in a Welsh village in Wisconsin. Her father and grandfather both spoke the language and kept to the customs. Cassavetes was the son of a Greek businessman.

Cassavetes sees Love Streams as the film representing the confluence of many of the themes and ideas that have preoccupied him since his directorial debut Shadows in 1961. It is, he feels, the end of a particular road. What next? "I would be difficult for me to make a comedy. I think I could take anything and make it unfunny, he says, doing himself less than justice. His films, for all their intensity and seriousness of subject, do not lack humour.

Nor has Rowlands any desire to play the clown. "I'm drawn to dramatic roles. I like their complications. I feel happy when I am working them out". But a romantic film is definitely on the cards. They are busy planning it. It will star Rowlands, but not necessarily her husband. The thought of a Cassavetian Love Story is almost beyond imagination. His fans will believe it

Caroline Moorehead talks to prodigious novelist Storm Jameson

'Just killing time until death'

It is truly hard to be as Storm Jameson, the much praised novelist of the 1930s and 1940s, whose delightful autobiography. Journey from the North, has just been republished by Virago. At 93, upright, elegant, but as frail and leathery as the pale gauze scarf she wears about her neck, she knows that she wants to die. "I have lived much, much too long. I don't like being old. I don't like making an effort. I would far rather be dead, just vanish away. After my second husband died I was sure I was going to die in five minutes.

And, damn it, I'm still here."
There is nothing mawkish or self-pitying in her manner. If her eyes and the lines on her sometimes contain an expression of almost unbearable sadness, she is also quick to Jaugh, to underline everything she says with humour, however bleak. You see, I'm much too much of a coward to kill myself. I admire Arthur Koes-tler enormously. But I feel I would certainly make a mess of it. I'm clumsy like most Yorkshirewomen.

'I was revolted by the change'

The Yorkshire of her ancestors and her childhood is important to her. The daughter of a merchant sea captain and an uncompromising but loving mother, perhaps the dominant influence on her life, she grew up in Whitby. "I carry North Yorkshire around with me, the unkindness of the people, their severity but also their honesty. Two years ago, her grandson took her back on a visit. They stayed three days. "I was revolted by the change. My



Storm Jameson at the height of her success, and today Whitby was gone. Built over. Egoist in 1914. (It went instead Lo Rebecca West). Destroyed."

Yet she wonders now whether she should not "have run for my life, to the North." The view from her modern flat. on the outskirts of Cambridge, filled with ever multiplying identical semi-detached rec brick houses, depresses her. It's all very different from the landscape she remembers and loves, with its "bare, hard

It was her mother who made certain that she sat for a county scholarship in Scarborough which led to a first-class degree at Lecds University and later to research at University College, London. But it was her mother, too, who applied the brakes to what might have been a smoother literary journey when she saw to it that her daughter refused the job Harriet Shaw Weaver offered her on the prestige literary magazine The



As it was, Storm Jameson

married, a first match which brought her a son but little happiness and a good deal of worry about money. So she became a copywriter for an advertising agency (a miserable experience, vividly conjured up in Company Parade) and later the London scout for the American publisher Alfred Knopf. Full of energy, forceful, if only on the surface, it was never possible for her to be anything but direct. She records wryly that a friend once told her

she had "the tongue of a rattle Meanwhile she wrote a prodigious number of novels. Too many, I wrote much, much too much. I needed the money because I spent it all as' soon as I got it." Of more than 50 novels that appeared, she remembers only five or six with. any satisfaction, even if Howard Spring once called her "the most important woman novel-ist in England". "I must say. though that I worked tremen-

> it? I don't know."
> In 1938 Storm Jameson ecame president of the British PEN, the international writers' association, and for the war years worked uninterruptedly and with a sort of fevered energy at getting refugees out of Nazi Germany. Like the writng, she views the clutter and confusion of those years with ittle satisfaction. "There was too much of everything. I did too much. I made too many mistakes, of practically every sort. I'm clumsy, mostly in the things I say."

dously hard at it. Was it worth

In her autobiography she describes herself endearingly as someone with "the air of confidence and strength of mind, behind which I hide unplumbable weakness, indecision, nagging anxieties, hesitancy, uncertainty, moodiness inherited or made to measure." In the early 1960s Storm Jameson and her historian second husband. Guy Chapman, settled in Cambridge, where he had taken a job teaching at the university. What she calls this "late period" was clearly a happy one for her. Two or three times each year they went abroad usually to France and stayed in small hotels. "I never, never liked running household. Foolish, I suppose. The most agreeable thing in her entire life, she says, and something for which she would willingly have given up all the

Writing replaced by reading

writing, has been travelling "to

see things, to get away from

After Guy Chapman died in 1972, Storm Jameson spent four years writing a book about him. They had been married 48 years; she makes no attempt to pretend she does not miss him. And then I gave up writing. had come to an end. I just stopped. One does. At least I did." She talks in short She talks in short emphatic sentences, with dry precision, sometimes adding tart, if affectionate rejoinders: "Some of my friends have gone on writing much too long."

The writing has been replaced by reading, no longer novels now but science and "things I only half understand". She rarely leaves the still well-ordered flat, with its many books and its memories of Whitby in the shape of a handsome Chinese chest of drawers. brought back from China by her mother after a voyage as captain's wife, or a strong oak table which she had built for herself at 20. There are perhaps 30 photographs of her husband. in faded frames, on tables and shelves around the flat.

"If a prison cell were airy, with a good bed and a window, it would suit my unsociability, my distrust of people, well", Storm Jameson once wrote. The Cambridge flat may be that cell: nevertheless, she still clines with extreme reluctance, but equally extreme tenacity, to life.

It could never happen to you. Or could it?

If the Police Bill, now before parliament, becomes law, London's Metropolitan Police in common with other forces will be given extra powers. These powers may do more to threaten the freedom of the individual,

than to prevent crime. Perhaps you think it does not affect you; that the police will only use these new powers on criminals. But, take a look at the list below. All the incidents in it could happen in certain circumstances, if the Bill becomes law. Any one of these nasty experiences could happen to you, your family or your friends.

The examples we have quoted below represent our interpretation of the respective clauses in the Bill currently before parliament.

* You could be arrested, simply because a constable thinks you are committing a trivial offence like illegal parking and has 'reasonable' grounds for disbelleving your name and address.

* You could be stopped and searched because a police officer thinks you might

use your bunch of keys to defend yourself. * You could be frisked in the street, by force. If the police think you would not

understand their reasons, they do not

have to give you any.

[Clause 2(6)] * Your home could be searched for evidence, even if you have done nothing

* You could be locked up for up to four days without charge and refused access to a solicitor for 36 hours. (Clause 52)

*You could be stripped and intimately searched for a weapon. [Clause 49-50]

All these powers would be open to abuse. It's also worth noting that the Bill confirms that complaints against the police would still be investigated by the police

We consider that the additional powers sought in the Police Bill are unnecessary. More important, we believe they will not help the police in their vital job of fighting crime in London. For the extra powers will almost certainly lead to increased conflict between Londoners and their police force.

The Police Bill must be opposed. It must not become law. Please, if you are concerned, write to your MP at the House of Commons, and send the coupon to us to



For the information pack on the Bill, please return the coupon or ring the GLC Campaign Hatline: 633-4400. To: The Police Committee Support Unit Room 602, County Hall, London SE1 7PB. I wish to tell friends and neighbours about what the

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Arms and the money

To succeed in publishing these days, with growing Third World markets to reach, it might be worth taking an SAS course. Publisher Alister Macqueen was on his way to Lagos airport, after assessing Nigeria in the wake of the new regime, when his car was rammed and he and two friends were held up by four armed friends were held up by four armed men. The gang made off with their car, passports, money and luggage, leaving Macqueen with 85p and his shirt, trousers and shoes. Fortunately, good friends and influence and the same of the capable that night

got him out of the country that night

"Nigeria is no place to be without
a passport." Back in London and eager to warn his colleagues, Macqueen contacted The Bookseller. "Everyone knows the problems in Nigeria and should know better", a magazine person said unsympatheti-cally. Besides, "the Nigerian trade bodies would be upset if anything detrimental was said". The Nigerian market was worth £12m to British publishers in 1982 and £23m the year before. Money talks. . . . or

● Tautology is alive and well on BBC Radio 3. Early morning listeners were informed that a set of Bach variations fell into symmetrical halves".

Smoke signals

Hot issues will be the talk of the retiring town of Eastbourne this summer but I doubt that warm weather will have much bearing. The fiery discussions will be of a far more sinister nature. Due, apparently, to the "public demand for cremation" the Cremation Society of Great Britain, a registered charity no less, will hold its conference there as "it is of the highest importance that those who will be called upon to supply this service in the future shall have at their disposal the fullest information gained from the best available experience," says the chillingly official notification. Not only that but foreign delegates will he attending so that comparisons can be made between British and overseas equipment and services; technical equipment (experts will be on hand to explain) and photographs of crematoria are on display too. Eight hours are also allocated to working sessions".



"He could always sell bis story to the News of the World"

Unholy writ

Rigorous steps are being taken in the PM's campaign to curb farmers' subsidies. Staff at the Ministry of Agriculture have made four separate applications for new stock of ballpoint pens, and each has been met with a hand-written (so someone's got some!) refusal. It is impossible to sign ministry cheques without a pen. Admirably simple tactics, Mrs Thatcher.

Eve for an eye Predictably, the Israelis are furious

about Yassir Arafat's nomination to the rectorship of Glasgow University. A member of the Knesset has suggested they should show their indignation in two ways. First, build a monument to Jack the Ripper outside the British Embassy in Tel Aviv. And then, elect the president of the IRA to honorary membership of the Israeli Authors' and Poets' A buffet lunch and tea dance for

the over-30s organized by a holiday outfit in Hendon for March 18 has attracted the interest of 125 women and only five men. The company obviously won't have any trouble keeping up to its name - Solo's.

Closet snobbery The public lavatory at the Institute

of Contemporary Arts in The Mall or rather the lack of it at present continues to excite the nation's passions. Things are taking a somewhat ugly turn, however. The Arts Council has suggested to the ICA's director, Bill McAlister, that visitors should be charged for using the facilities. "Considering we're the only arts centre that charges an entry fee anyway, it seems a bit much." McAlister says.

in a scrape

Things certainly aren't what they used to be, even for the heavily insulated upper crust. At Dai Llewellyn's Deb of the Year shindig. delicately dressed damsels of dis-tinguished pedigree were persuaded to reveal their expensively acquired etiquette – not by opening bottles of champagne but by demonstrating how to cope with a most indelicate dog's mess. Fortunately they had to use fantasy rather than the raw material. It was all in a good cause though, the National Dog Owners' Association. PHS

The Neddy we don't need

Every serious disagreement between the TUC and government since 1979 has been marked by union threats to withdraw from the National Economic Development Coun-

The time has come to call their bluff, take the unions at their word, wind Neddy up and get rid of an outmoded tripartite institution for corporate macro-economic management.

NEDC's structure, composition and aims, broadly suited to George Brown's national plan of 1967, are incompatible with the present government's approach to the development of a social market economy.

Past TUC threats to NEDC have been

feints, designed to send shivers down ministerial spines. They have traded on the supposed attachment of British industry to the Neddy structure and ethos. In fact, few businessmen would miss Neddy. Even NEDC's friends admit, with Sir Richard O'Brien, that "the results that have come out of NEDC over the years have not been commensurate with the stature and auth-

ority of the members of the council". Sir Geoffrey Chandler, the former NEDC director general, felt that "by comparison with the standing and authority of the individuals who sit on council and on the ripartite committees and of the constituencies they represent, the tangible successes of the committees must seem small".

by Graham Mather

In fact, of the little Neddies, only one deals with the expanding service sector; NEDC's failure to expand into service industries reveals a business reluctance to introduce elaborate and time-consuming

committee procedures. Those who might be expected to be predisposed in NEDC's favour appear unimpressed. William Rodgers of the SDP has said that Neddy as it is "has run its course, its force for good vitiated by the partners' use of council meetings to act out formal roles and deliver stock reactions to whatever is on the agenda". Dr David Owen

is equally cool. Among employers, such significant orga-nizations as the British Institute of Management, the Association of British Chambers of Commerce, the Institute of Directors, the Retail Consortium and small firm representative bodies are unrepresented on the NEDC Council. Most have declared interest in breaking out of the rigid government/C-BI/union tripartite framework which excludes them from direct participation. Consumer and banking interests, represented on the council, have achieved less than have nationalized industries. All would gain from a broader, less rigid forum for macro-economic discussion.

If Neddy's achievements in recent years have been sparse and its supporters few, for the TUC and the Labour leadership it has been a treasure trove of leakable reports. gloomy economic prognostications and propaganda opportunities. They have been for years the chief beneficiaries of the Neddy

In the run-up to the 1983 general election. Neil Kinnock effectively used an unpublished NEOC report so full of gloom on unemployment, investment, unit labour costs, productivity and research and development as to have been unrecognizable to most industrialists as a portrayal of the economic climate.

If Neddy were to go, its useful parts could be salvaged. Little Neddies would prosper better directly under the Department of Trade and Industry. The Economic and Social Research Council, newly reconstructed, is an appropriate repository for the NEDC research effort. Ministers could consult industry or unions more flexibly outside the tripartite straightjacket, as and when necessary in a broader forum - and without the political blackmail which has been the chief characteristic of union involvement in NEDC between 1979 and

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How likely is Iran to blockade the Strait of Hormuz? Rodney Cowton reports

Keeping the vital oil valve open

The upsurge of fighting between Iran and Iraq during the past fortnight has revived western fears of a disruption of oil supplies through a closure of the Strait of Hormuz.

Iraq has frequently threatened to attack Iran's oil installations, and as recently as last Monday claimed to have done so, though neither Iran nor anyone else seems to have found any evidence of its alleged attack on the major franian oil terminal at Kharg Island. Iran has said that if its ability to export oil were destroyed,

it would close the Strait of Hormuz. A complete closure of the Strait would eliminate about 20 per cent of the non-communist world's supplies of crude oil. On the other hand, fran needs to

export its oil to finance its war effort, and as the second largest exporter through the Strait, it is strongly in its interest to keep the waterway open as long as it can get any oil out. To close the Strait would in any case be a formidable task.

At its narrowest point it is wider than the English Channel, the roughly 25 miles being equivalent to more than 100 of the world's largest supertakers laid end to end. Any thought that the Strait could be closed by sinking physical obstacles is not realistic.

It is also very deep, for the most part more than 200 feet, which gives three or more times the draught It would be possible to mine the Strait, but it is not thought that Iran has sufficient mines, or, indeed, the right types to provide an effective

This does not, however, take account of the psychological factors. Iran would only need to say it had laid mines, without actually having done so, to make masters of tankers extremely reluctant to risk their vessels, and insurance cover might well be suspended.

I must crave my readers' indulgence

(as we old-fashioned writer-johnnies

say) if I quote myself rather

extensively this morning before

going on to the point; please be

assured that when we get to the said point the reason for the said quoting

five years there were types of rats and mice on which Warfarin had no

effect, and ... these strains flourished more and more. ... At the weekend, the men in the white coats unveiled a

new poison, called Sorexa CR. . . . In field trials on farms, rats and mice

immune to Warfarin were each offered a dose of Sorexa CR: before

you could squeak, there was another cat out of a job... The date today is December 4th, 1973. On December

4th, 1983 (please synchronize your watches) we shall meet on this very spot and discuss the recent spate of

reports that rats and mice immune to Sorexa CR have been found....

A calendar, a calendar! Look in

the almanack; find out moonshine, find out moonshine! It is true that

Monday February 27, 1984, is a

little later than our rendezvous, but

you must admit that three months

leeway in a full ten years is not unreasonable. And on Monday, ten

vears and three months after my

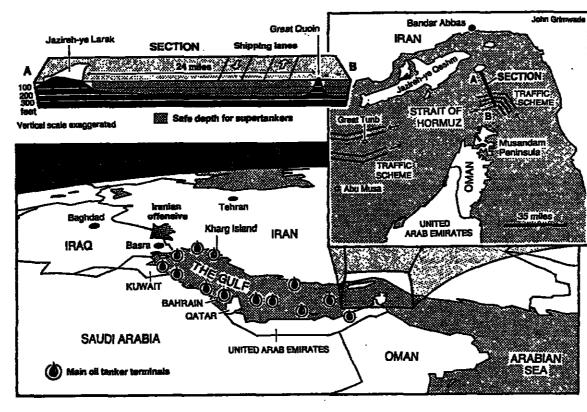
prophecy appeared, my agricultural

colleague John Young wrote, on this

Super Rat is thriving...in the farms and fields around Sutton Scotney...Immune to every commonly known poison ...each pair is said to be able to produce 200 offspring a year..."We have struggled with all sorts of poisons, including one which is still advertised as killing Warfarinresistant rats", Mr Giles Rowsei ...says. "All I can say is that it certainly doesn't kill ours." ... He succeeded in bringing the infestation under control by the use of a new poison,

very page, as follows:

the following:



A more likely line of action would be for the Iranians to attack a single tanker by air or land-based bombardment, and this could be a powerful deterrent on other ship-

However, it would almost certainly have the effect of bringing into play western naval power deployed in the Gulf or in the Arabian Sea. In its most potent form this is represented by an American carrier battle group, with the 50,000-ton carrier USS Midway at its heart. The Midway will have roughly 70 aircraft aboard, including in all probability. Sea Stallion helicopters

President Reagan has made clear his commitment to keep the Strait open to international traffic, and there is little doubt that the Midway and its escorts, possibly with the support of two British vessels and one French frigate in the area, has the capacity to do so.

However, western observers have assessed that this kind of dramatic eventuality is unlikely, given the stalemate between Iran and Iran.

The latest view appears to be that notwithstanding the intense ground fighting of the last two weeks, and the gains made by Iran, that stalemate has not yet been broken.

The West has, in any case, taken steps to reduce its dependence on oil from the Gulf in recent years. The most striking example of this is the United States, which is now taking only about one-fifth as much oil from the Arab members of Opec as it did in 1977. Western Europe has roughly

halved its dependence on oil from the Gulf, so that it now accounts for The major country most vulnerable to a protracted disruption of supplies would be Japan.
One favourable factor is that stocks worldwide are relatively high. standing at about 90 days, though of this it is reckoned that about 60 days' supply are required just to keep the system fully functioning. The US has estimated its own

strategic reserve as equivalent to 900

days of the current level of its

There is also estimated to be immediately available a reserve in other countries which could offset roughly half the nine million barrels a day lost through a complete closure of the Strait.

However, one recent study*, which has attempted to evaluate the risks of a major disruption of oil flows through the Strait, puts the likelihood of more than a million barrels a day being affected for more than 10 days at no higher than one chance in 50.

it does, however, warn that a greater danger than a closure of the Strait of Hormuz is the possibility of loss of production through air attacks by Iran or Iraq on the other's production facilities, or of the market for oil being destabilized as countries, worried by a possible disruption of supplies, scrambled to build up their stocks, thereby driving demand to the limit of the world's productive capacity.

*The World Petroleum Market to 1986. by Data and Decisions. Stratton House, London W1.

Bernard Levin: the way we live now

A plague on all their palliatives

will become clear. In a column published in this newspaper I wrote ... In the 1950s, a new type of rat-poison was developed, and sold in this country under the name Warfarin. . . . There was no known Well, bully for Brodifacoum; but I thought of that, too, in my column ten and a quarter years ago, and said that when we had finished saluting antidote... at any rate none available to the rats.... So they developed a biological immunity to Warfarin.... The consequence was that within only clever scientists who had perfected a poison that could refresh the parts that Warfarin couldn't

> ...we shall then adjourn until December 4th, 1993, when we shall once again foregather here and drink a toast to the scientists who, ever-mindful of our interests, have developed a rat-poison as far superior to Sorexa CR as is . . . Sorexa CR to Warfarin.

The open-air life which John Young leads stands him in good stead; he will therefore certainly be around on the appointed day ten years hence, and although Ladbroke's will not offer such generous odds on me, I think I may yet surprise the actuaries. Give or take a couple of months, therefore, I look forward to sharing with you all a decade from now the amazing unprecedented, wholly unexpected news that there are rats and mice whose favourite form of elevenses is a Brodifacoum sandwich, which they swear is what keeps their coats so sleek and their whiskers so crisp.

It was St Paul who pointed out that God is not mocked. It did not occur to him (or if it did he kept quiet about it) that God might be a rat. But even if God is a rat-catcher I suspect that he is still not mocked, at any rate with impunity. For the point of the column in which I made my uncannily precise long-range forecast was that the rats and the ratpoison are no different from the people and the people-poison. Antibiotics werediscovered, praised, and adopted for general use against a wide range of micro-organisms, which they slaughtered in numbers comparable to the rats and mice which went down under the massive cavalry charge of the Knights of

Warfarin and their successors, the Sorexa Halberdiers. But the last laugh was given to the micro-organisms, for many of them developed an immunity, to virtually anything ending in -cin, comparable to the resistance put up by the vermin, and just as it has proved necessary for the agricultural scientists to raise another new regiment, the Brodifacoum Light Horse, so new and more powerful germ-killers have been required to deal with the new and more powerful germs.

I am sorry, but I must quote once more from that prescient column of a decade ago:

If you feel depressed . . . and go to a

if you feel depressed... and go to a doctor... he will provide you with a prescription for tranquillizers. If you take the stipulated dose, you may feel less depressed... After a bit, however, a puzzling effect will become apparent; the pills will begin to seem less efficacious. Returning to the doctor, you will point this out, and he will recommend a slight increase in the dose. You will be much relieved to find that the increased dose is as effective at dealing with the depression as the old, lesser dose was. But after a bit, a puzzling effect will become apparent...

When will we realize that Nature is cleverer than we are? Do you remember DDT? It was hailed as the answer to every problem of the countryside - Colorado beetle, blackfly, locusts, potato-blight, broc-coli with hollandaise - there was nothing it wouldn't kill. As, indeed, turned out to be the case, to such an extent that all of a sudden couldn't get a measure of DDT at the jug-and-bottle for any consideration, not even ready money. I did not follow that story as closely as I did that of the rats and the ratticides, so I do not know where it has got to now. But I am willing to bet that just as there were scientists

to hail DDT as the answer for every agricultural problem to puzzle the human race from Cro-Magnon Man to Peter Walker, so there were scientists (the same ones, I wouldn't wonder) to hail the new super-DDT as the answer to all those problems and the problems caused by the ordinary, unimproved DDT without the Miracle Ingredient that Makes All the Difference.

How many more times do Horace and I have to say it before the world will listen? Once more? Very well, then: Naturam expellas furca, tamen usque recurrer. Or, for any rats who know no Latin and are reading this while breakfasting off a steaming bowl of Warfarin with Sorexa CR sprinkled on the top, you may drive out nature with a pitchfork, but she will always come running back.

Somehow, somewhere, somewhen we must stop believing that the hair of the dog will heal its bites. Sooner or later we shall have to persuade this imperceptibly but fatally poisoned stream to flow in the other direction. I do not know, and it makes no difference to my theme. whether there is any truth in the legend that dock-leaves, with their soothing juice, are always found near nettles, with their poison that needs soothing. I do know that for many centuries country folk who cut themselves with an earthy spade would clap a cobweb on the wound. and were smiled at by all the bien pensants for such superstition, until those spores floated in through Fleming's laboratory window and proved the old folk right.

These things take time. I do not suppose, therefore, that the world's attitude to nature and its slow certainty will have changed entirely within the next ten years. But cordially invite you, to synchronize your watches again and meet on this spot on February 29th 1994 (no. it isn't Leap Year – make it March 1), when we can greet the scientists' discovery of a new and much improved rat-poison with our thumbs to our noses. Light refreshments will be served, including canapes of Warfarin, Sorexa CR, Brodifacoum, DDT, penicillin and

Valium. Rats welcome. © Tisses Newspapers Limited, 1984

David Watt

How the Russians can save Reagan

subjected to a startlingly unfamiliar ordeal. He found himself on the podium of a White House news conference, facing a hostile press. The first question set the tone: "Mr President, the marines you

sent to Lebanon 17 months ago are now being withdrawn on your orders. Considering their inability to achieve their poace-keeping mission, and the casualties they suffered, has the United States lost credibility in the region? Has Syria won? And where do we go from here?"

Given the normal sycophancy of

the White House press corps on these occasions, this catechism must be regarded as a shattering piece of incivility. Nor was it a piece of maverick enterprise by some Democrat reporter. It was followed by a barrage of insinuations that the head of state had been fiddling on his Californian ranch while Beirut burned: to which the President replied with a quite uncharacteristic combination of heat and uncer-

The whole episode, in short, was the best possible proof of how unnerved by the Lebanese experience both the Administration and American public opinion have been. Much has been written about the implications of the American departure for the Lebanon and for the Middle East region as a whole. The exchange which I have just quoted suggests that the perceptions that Americans have of the debacle may be just as significant.

Some of these perceptions are implicit in the words which the questioner used: "Has Syria won?" Here we come at once upon the deeply ingrained tendency of Americans in general, and the American media in particular, to see all issues in prizefight terms. The proper role for American soldiers must be to worst an enemy. Why else would they be operating outside the US? An enemy. Syria, has been duly identified in the Middle East by reference to the fact that it is hostile to a friend, Israel, and friendly to another enemy, the Soviet Union. Therefore, if American soldiers retire without worsting the Syrians, it follows that they have lost and the Syrians have won - and perhaps, by extension, the Israelis have lost and the Soviet Union has won.

To be fair to the American public, this simplistic farrage is probably how most of the Middle East sees matters as well and because of that fact, the myth has acquired a genuine reality. The US really has suffered an important loss of prestige, and probably of influence, because people believe it so. But whose fault is that? Answer: a long succession of American presidents, culminating in Ronald Reagan, who have fed two fatal beliefs.

The first, which has been in

currency ever since the Truman Doctrine was promulgated in 1947, is that the US is, and ought to be, capable of holding the forces of darkness at bay anywhere on the face of the globe. The second, which has always been a weakness of American armies, but has become an absolute obsession since the fearful carnage of Vietnam, is that this task can, and should, be accomplished without loss of Ameri-

The first frequently causes the US to put its prestige at stake in complicated regional situations where the outcome turns on factors over which no outside agency has much chance of establishing any real control: the second, which ought to

American governments to concentrate on political rather than military persuasions, sometimes does no more than cause military solutions to be adopted in a half-hearted fashion. The spectacle of the US Navy standing safely off Beirut. blasting shells more or less into the void as a face-saving exercise, is the pitiful reductio ad absurdum of the twin fallacies.

American end of this story? It is useless, of course, to expect that the Reagan Administration will overnight renounce the Truman Doctrine or shake off the national instinct to try to solve problems by throwing money and technology at them. What is clear, however, is that the President is in quite serious political trouble as a result of what has happened. It is, indeed, beginning to look as if he will be more vulnerable on foreign policy than on anything else in the presidential campaign, which is why Walter Mondale and the other Democratic aspirants have been devoting so

much attention to it. As things stand at present Mr Reagan has not got a lot going for him. It is true that there is now an outside chance that American diplomacy, and American leverage, will unblock the road to a solution of the Namibian problem and a curtailment of Soviet influence in southern Africa. But the intentions of the South African government in that matter are still highly suspect: and in any case a claim to have evicted the Cubans from somewhere as remote from obvious American interests as Angola vould not necessarily cut a lot of ice in an American election campaign, even if it could be justified. Likewise, Central and South America seem likely, for the foresceable future, to cause far more trouble for the Reagan campaign that opportunities for successful statesman-

What is left, then? Three is not much more electoral milage to be got out of further calls to arms against the Red Peril. For one thing, the American public seems to be tiring of them; for another, they provoke the awkward question: What have you lot been doing about the Red Peril for the las three and a half years, then?" The ogical conclusion is that nothing nuch remains except to reengage n a dialogue with the Soviet Unionand to try to extract as much from a peace platform as credibility and Russian suspicions will allow.

It is perhaps a bit too early to e sure that the President will accept this logic. It would, after all. require contortionist skills to avoid all the side-effects of such a majestic flipflop. Nevertheless, every report I bear confirms that these thoughts are in the Washington air just now. People in and around the Administration, who nine months ago were the coldest of cold warriors, are now talking about a new framework for the arms negotiations and even. since Beirut, about bringing the Russians back into the Middle East peace process, from which they were so carefully but fruitlessly excluded by Henry Kissinger a decade ago.
I do not know if Mr Chernen

has any sense of humour whatever. Probably not. But if anything could cause those stony features to crack into a mirthless smile, it would be the realization that Ronald Reagan needs his assistance in order to be reelected President of the United

Philip Howard

As Presidents, they're great comedians

To consider politics a comedy and that it was because "heads tend to politicians clowns is one approach.
To adopt it as a comprehensive dy's inaugural address. Nixon met principle may be going too far. The original meaning of "idiot" was a private person who opted out of public life, and treated the whole business as a farce. But the year of the American presidential election provides, among other things, a grand show of political comedy.

This is not to argue that the election of the most powerful officeholder in the world is unimportant. And the method of election, although it has its eccentricities, is more democratic than in most other states on earth; certainly more democratic than, for instance, the ways in which the British get their prime ministers. But comedy, and particularly the wisecrack and cracker-barrel philosophy, are traditional aspects of presidential

politics. I am sure that a potent part of the political attraction of the present President, dear old Hopalong, is his obvious good humour and his deadly way with the one-liners. Remember the stream of quite tolerable jokes that came out of the surgery after he had been shot in 1981. Greeting his aides on the morning after surgery, he exclaimed: "Hi, fellas, I knew it would be too much to hope that we could skip a staff meeting." When told how the others wounded in the assassination attempt were getting on, he said: "That's great news. We'll have to get four bedpans and have a reunion."

President Reagan sent a characteristically jovial message to the Hollywood Academy Awards coronation ceremony on the following evening. Introducing it. Johnny Carson said: "I was tempted to call him and ask if he had any more of those one-liners I could use."

But even less professional com-edians have felt the need as President to make wisecracks. Gerry Ford, taunted by Lyndon Johnson for having played football too long without a helmet, turned up for a speech with his old college football helmet. When the flaps didn't fit over his ears, he grinned and said

dy's inaugural address. Nixon met Ted Sorensen, one of Kennedy's aides, and said, "I wish I had said some of those things." Sorensen wanted to know which bits: "That part about 'Ask not what your country can do for you?" "No." said Nixon, "the part that starts, "I do solemniy swear." Even Jimmy Carter, widely

regarded as having no atom of humour, occasionally had a go. When touring the Great Pyramid at Giza, the guide told him that the vast erection took only 20 years to build. J. Carter: "I'm surprised that a government organization could do it that quickly." Not jokes to have us slapping our thighs, and rolling about helpless on the floor. I agree. But they exemplify the healthy old presidential tradition of not taking he awesome burdens of office too The originator of the tradition

was the greatest President, Abraham Lincoln. His life can be seen as a string of good jokes. The foreign diplomat who found him polishing his shoes. "What. Mr President, you black your own boots?" "Yes; whose do you black?" The two Quaker ladies discussing the contest between Lincoln and Jefferson Davis. "I think Jefferson will succeed." "Why does thee think so?" "Because does thee think so?" Jefferson is a praying man. "And so is Abraham a praying man." "Yes." said the first. "but the Lord will think Abraham is joking." Lincoln was much attacked at the

time by the pompous for his coarse. low jokes, and his unpresidential frivolity. He was called a baboon and buffoon. When asked how it felt to be President, he replied: "You have heard about the man tarred and feathered and ridden out of town on a rail? A man in the crowd asked how he liked it, and his reply was that if it wasn't for the honour of the thing, he would much rather walk." Abe demonstrated the healthy truth that it is possible to be deadly serious and still to make jokes. Let us have some good ones

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And now the Continental Social-

selected for the Euro-elections next June are of known anti-Community

Now some have gone because farming is no longer with horses.

2. Part of Norfolk is fenland Farmers under fire reclaimed by Vermuyden's schemes. and always had dykes, not hedges. Norfolk is one of the most beautiful and varied of counties. Ponds are being made, not filled in,

and trees are being planted by the thousand. I offer to take Mr Hart on a day's drive from my home - and give him lunch – during the summer recess and show him ponds, well kept hedges, wonderful walks – and I wager he will rarely be out of sight of

Should not farming companies Yours truly. PAUL HAWKINS, House of Commons, February 19.

Royal broadcast But does not Mr Hart know the

From Mrs W. Q. Roberts Sir. In all the references to the Christmas broadcast one simple fact has been overlooked. The Queen is head of the Church and as such Her Majesty's approach to the world's

> Yours faithfully. JANET ROBERTS, Stone Walls, Newton St Loe,

Bath,

not seriously hamper farm production, as do the tenancy systems in Asia; so changes here will not have great impact. Providing aid in the form of expert manpower is absolutely right, especially in the direction of adaptive agricultural research which is beginning to throw new light on production constraints

at farm level and on the means of improving smallholder farming systems.

But even if these things are done, as you suggest, I think you are too optimistic about the outcome. Africa does not comprise vast areas of fertile soil, nor will the green revolution of Asia be reolicated in Africa. The immense ecological variation of that continent would limit the spread of any new, high yielding seed varieties. Developing adaptive research programmes rel-

evant to the problems of small-

holder agriculture will take time and cost a good deal.
Finally, your proposition that aid should be conditional on the provision of incentive policies for agriculture, though unpopular and indeed unfortunate, is nevertheless

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

THUGS AT THE TRIBUNAL

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Sadly. Sir Michael Giddings and ment's reputation for consisthis wife are not the first victims ency was not aided by the of the unBritish nastiness that pusillanimity of the former has tainted the succession of inquiries into the realignment of in the face of (Labour-supported) the Al road through Highgate. protest. It is never likely to win The disgraceful treatment meted out to them - at whoever's hands - is different in degree, not in kind from the handling of his estimates of traffic on which the predecessors as inspector. They, like Sir Michael, have been jostled, sworn at locked in rooms and threatened. Over a period of ten years these inspectors - not always, it must be said. of the calibre to take such an exposed public position - have faced an outbreak of civic hysteria that, were it not so localized, would speak ill of the nation's capacity to adapt to necessary but sometimes painful change.

Yet the dynamics of the Archway Road issue are peculiar. It does not diminish one jot the insufferable behaviour of the 'middle-class hooligans of Highgate to recall that the Archway Road building project has been a chapter of accidents, political ineptitude and civil service arrogance. During the decade the Department of Transport has played fast and loose with facts and procedure. Rational road planning is not served by the department's wish to extend the capacity of the Al through Highgate while apparently abandoning entirely a former scheme to enhance the road's capacity a mile or so farther on in Hampstead Garden Suburb. The depart-

Transport Secretary Mr Rodgers prizes for open government either for its wilful refusal to trust the public with its best case for a new section of the Archway Road was based.

The failure of the series of

planning inquiries to produce, for

the Archway Road, a workable recommendation to the Secretary of State for Transport has contributed to a general sense that the system of public participation through quasi-judicial tribunals in contested road or building schemes has failed. It is indeed easy to highlight the difficulties - notably in the Sizewell inquiry - of squeezing issues of national energy policy (which hinge of course on fiscal policy) into the confines of an inquiry about town and country planning matters. Only the skill of the inspector in the Stansted inquiry, an able QC, has kept that show on the road. But while the case for a different approach to these "major inquiries" - various nuclear-related issues are just over the horizon here - is strong, it should not spill over, yet, into dismay at the conduct of all

planning tribunals. Yet, recent inquiries such as the M40 extension have pre-sented a worrying picture of the state appearing to pay only lip service to the involvement of the

public in proceedings. But the planning inquiry, for road building, remains a rough and ready solution to the vexed problem of giving the public a say (when they are likely to disagree profoundly with the destruction of their homes or fields) in decision-making by ministers who, in theory at least, must place local interest within the canvas of national transport policy. It is an imperfect system, not embellished by the sometimes cynical manipulation of evidence by either side. The position of ministers as both judge and jury in their own cause will always provoke public suspicion, however open-minded ministers are when they receive inspectors' reports.

There is scope for improvement in the conduct of these tribunals and the fifteen or so months which it ought to take the Department of Transport to reconvene the Archway inquiry should be well used. The Lord Chancellor's office may have a role in tightening the rules for the presentation of evidence and hearing witnesses. The inspectorial terms of reference need to be wider, to admit the broad picture of traffic and transport in the capital; the government's case for a new road deserves the fullest exposition. Most important, Sir Michael's successor deserves not just a better-prepared brief but the fullest personal protection. To allow thugs further to disrupt decision making would be intolerable.

A SALUTE TO THE BALLOT PAPER

The government's decision to send observers to the March 25 presidential elections in El Salvador will be predictably criticized and predictably defended. and neither side of the House will be able to display much conviction. The elections will take place because the calendar is fixed and we will send observers because we are the allies of the United States, and because we sent observers last time. The Government's case would be more plausible if it took a closer and more consistent interest in Central America and the Caribbean - it shows no signs of acting on the select committee's recommendations to restore and increase our representation in the area - and Opposition's arguments would be more convincing if Left coalition was deprived of they did not ignore so many of

the issues at stake. The last elections were rapidly overshadowed by the Falklands received little publicity. It should be remembered that in turnout and in spirit they greatly exceeded expectations, and the mechanistic explanations of the Left - that it was an obligatory vote, that the citizen needed the stamp on his identity card - were not convincing. The impression was that the ordinary Salvadoran decidedly wanted peace, and how bring it. The elections were a defeat for the guerrillas.

They were not, however, a victory for those Salvadorans who most genuinely believe in elections, as they returned to power a right wing coalition many of whose members have no democratic intentions at all. The Christian Democrats of Jose Napoleon Duarte won the elections in the sense that they remained the largest party and got 40 per cent of the valid vote; but they lost power to the coalition dominated by Major Roberto D'Aubuisson and his Arena party. It may have been the case that in the conditions prevailing, where various Social Democratic groups could not participate, a possible Centrecrucial support.

If that was the case in 1982, there is no reason to think that war, and the reports of observers matters have changed. The enhanced national and international legitimacy that the Salvadoran government might have gained from the last elections has been lost by its failure to control the deathsquads, a failure far more damaging than the occasional military victory obtained by guerrillas in some provincial town, delays in agrarian reform, those Saldvadorans who have hoped that voting would some- or even the atrocities committed not yet given up.

by guerrillas on civilians. They are the perpetual justification of the extreme left - and the Salvadoran left certainly has extremes - and the strongest argument for those outside El Salvador who wish to wash their hands of the whole business.

Dr Kissinger last month presented his arguments against taking that course. Where the Contadora group argues that the conflict ought not to be an eastwest one, his commission finds that it is; and where Contadora advocates disarmament, Dr Kissinger sees no solution without greater exercise of force. He finds the credibility of the United States at stake and on that most revolutionaries would arice. For the chure te cannot be a matter of indifference.

Our sending observers for a short election period is essentially un saludo a la bandera - a salute to the flag. Technical arrangements are only a minor part of a proper election in comparison with the basic securities for all that Dr Kissinger also sees as essential to the election. Whichever flag our government is saluting, British observers should interpret their remit broadly, remember 1982, and perhaps find a salute for

SPANISH DEMOCRACY'S ACHILLES HEEL

In the last year of Franco's life two things were commonly said about the Basque problem. One was that there was no solution to it without democracy. The other vas that the Franco regime's handling of it would bequeath to his successors an insoluble proslem which might render Spair's transition to democracy

imposible. The second statement has not proved quite right, but near chough for many people to forget the first. Spain made the transition to democracy, but democracy has not yet solved the Basque problem which, with its daily harvest of killing and counter-killing.\now looks almost as endemic as that of Northern Ireland. Basque terrorism and the methods used to fight it remain the weakest point in Spanish democracy. Terrorism exasperates all those in Spain, particularly in the armed forces, who yearn for security and order; and in some of them it keeps alive a nostalgia for the

Meanwhile those directly involved in fighting terrorism continue to resort to methods: which are in the long run incompatible with democracy: torture, assassination, censorship. The elected government in Madrid is obliged to cover these abuses to some extent because of its need to retain the loyalty of the forces involved. Yet it knows that they help to perpetuate the

problem by giving terrorism a problem is solved or even spurious respectability in the nearing a solution, the ruling eyes of a part of the Basque Socialist party (PSOE) can take

public. The parallel with Northern Ireland holds in so far as the majority of Basques repudiate terrorism and wish to be protected against it. Sunday's election result proves that, if proof were needed. It does not hold in the sense that there is no clear division in the Basque country between a loyalist and a separatist community. Even if a majority of the inhabitants were born elsewhere, majority sentiment is nationalist in the broad sense. The argument is not about Basque national identity, on which there is virtual consensus. It is about methods, and about the degree of autonomy it is realistic to expect. For the parallel to be anything like exact the SDLP would have to be the majority party in Northern Ireland, and thus the natural recipient of any powers handed back to Stormont.

Were that the case, no doubt the SDLP would favour the maximum devolution of powers, as does the Basque Nationalist Party (PNV). What holds the Madrid government back from conceding such demands is fear of loyalist backlash, not in the region itself but elsewhere in Spain, and particularly in the

armed forces. Considering all that, and without any illusion that the

some comfort from the result. In spite of being laden with the odium attaching to central government, in spite of a continued recession in the Basque country to which terrorism certainly contributes but for which central government must expect to be blamed, the PSOE increased its own share of the vote from 14 to 23 per cent while that of Herri Batasuna (the equivalent of Sinn Fein) fell from 16 to 13 per cent. Undoubtedly, the PSOE benefited from a sympathy vote after the murder of one of its local leaders last Thursday. In the circumstances that is significant in itself, as is the high turn-out which confounded all predictions.

The PNV also increased its share of the vote (from 37.7 to 42 per cent), but loses its overall majority in the Basque parliament. That hardly weakens its central argument, which is that terrorism can be most effectively combated not by "dirty war tactics but by placing real responsibility and power in Basque hands. The 1981 "harmonisation" law, which sought to claw back devolved powers by equating the Basque country with other Spanish regions, was a mistake. The Basques have an unmistakeable national identity.

as do the Catalans, while other Spanish regions are precisely that. sit back and relax just because there is a lull in events. The price of

Americans around.

The New House, East Grafton.

From Mrs Pamela Entwistle Sir, Your leading article (February dispute rightly drew attention to the

24) on the French lorry drivers'

in Europe

absurdity of customs checks within the European internal market. The real danger is that the origins of this incident will be forgotten and the underlying practices will contimue with no more than lip service

to reform. Italy agreed to take on 850 more customs officers; the European council sets a date of 1987 for the introduction of a single administrative document. These are not the actions of a Community committed

to the early removal of internal border controls. Each of the 10 countries with a voice on the Council and the civil servants who support them must cease looking for excuses to maintain the status quo.

Delays at frontier crossings cost the European consumer some £7bn a year and this is only one of the many technical barriers to trade which result in our being no nearer to a common market than we were when internal tariffs were abolished

We urgently need to make it easier for individuals to cross frontiers, whether as businessmen or tourists; to simplify customs procedures and the collection of statistics to reduce frontier delays; and to work for a single market for European products by developing European standards and testing procedures.

These will do more to stimulate the European economy and reduce unemployment than any change in the common agricultural policy or revamping of the Budget to give Britain a rebate.

A good start would be for France to reconvene the meetings of the ministers for trade in the 10 member states sitting in council, which have lapsed since she took over the presidency from Greece at the beginning of the year. Yours faithfully,

PAMELA ENTWISTLE, Director, The Kangaroo Group. Millbank Tower, Millbank, SW1. February 27.

Bringing death to life

From Mr J. M. Waterson Sir, Roger Scruton (feature, February 21) has a point. At Blickling the National Trust preserves a mausoleum, and an ice house too, for that matter. In the nature of such places there is a certain lifelessness about them.

But these are scarcely typical. In one wing at Blickling, teams of volunteers are repairing Mortlake tapestries from the house under the supervision of two professional conservators. Mary Queen of Scots would surely see them as kindred spirits. During the coming year there will be twelve concerts there.

If Dr Scruton would care to pedal out of Cambridge to Wimpole, he would find that the Trust has restored the Home Farm, which was completely derelict when the property was acquired in 1976. The rare breeds of cattle, sheep and goats displayed there were seen by 72,000 visitors last summer.

A few miles in the other direction, at Anglesey Abbey, the trust has brought a water mill back into working order and flour is again being ground. The gardens are maintained by a staff of five and the trust welcomes Lord Fairhaven's close involvement and guidance. He and his family live in the Abbey during the winter, and during the summer months in the Garden House. Is this the "dead hand" of the National Trust?

As Dr Scruton rightly supposes the Blickling mausoleum, which Joseph Bonomi designed in the form of the pyramid and which has not been used since the eighteenth century, is, in purely financial terms. a liability.

Yours faithfully. MERLIN WATERSON. The Old Rectory. Norfolk. February 24.

Scientific swallow

From Mr E. W. F. Tomlin

Sir, With regard to your leader, "Votaries of science" (February 25) in which you speak of the Royal Society as having "swallowed in its day" a number of persons of distinction, though "unknown for their familiarity with the map of science", the inclusion of the present Emperor of Japan in that number is unfortunate. His Majesty is in his own right a distinguished marine biologist.

Yours faithfully, E. W. F. TOMLIN, 31 Redan Street, W14.

Africa's empty larder

From Dr Eric Clapton Sir, You are right to urge immediate provision of food aid as short term relief to the drought-stricken countries of southern Africa. And equally correct to assert that improved agricultural efficiency should be the longer-term policy aim of these countries (leader, February 15).

Your suggested policies for improving farm production are mainly right. Pricing policies and increase smallholder profits and allow market forces to provide farmer incentives are crucial. Distribution systems for fertilisers and other inputs could be improved, but will not produce dramatic production increases.

The tenure systems in Africa do

Getting movement Head teachers on probation I do not think that any newly appointed headmaster could be expected to produce the desired

result (a) in a few months and (b) if

he felt he was being watched all the

time; unless, of course, he was a

good head - in which case the whole

It is more often, I believe, those

who appoint headmasters who are at

fault. They are so often poorly qualified by background and experi-

ence for the delicate task of selection

of those to whom we entrust the

years' experience - none of it as a

Sir, Sir Keith Joseph's proposals for

placing head teachers on probation

are long overdue. The effect of a

weak head on a school is total and

devastating. His position is necess-arily that of the (let's hope,

benevolent) dictator and there must

be hundreds, if not thousands, of

leachers and many more pupils who

languish under weak leadership. with its consequent low standards of

discipline, which affect every aspect

is. Governments and presidents come and go, but a head teacher is

there to stay, unchallenged until

Of course their professional association will complain, motiv-ated entirely by self-interest. Far

more seriously, rank-and-file teach-

ers cannot complain, for it will be

their very own head teacher whose

reference will be crucial when they

seek a move to more favourable

profession altogether after seven years. Like so many others, I regard

this as one of the most important

reforms that the education system

Finding the best method presents

problems, of course, and will need a

lot of careful thought and checks.

Above all, politics needs to be kept

at bay. Let us hope, nevertheless, that actions will follow the words.

views almost to a man. Those views

are in marked contrast to the new

patched-up party line, as well as to

the opinions of certain sitting

Labour MEPs who are being pushed

possible break-up of the European

Conservative Group" in the Euro-

pean Parliament. He should know

that there is no such animal. He is

reverting to the canard, promoted by

Lady Castle, that the British

Conservatives in the Parliament,

Democratic Group, have plans to

own correspondent was assured in

Strasbourg 10 days ago. The group,

of course, would welcome adherents

from other national parties in the

Community of similar beliefs to our

I am, Sir, your obedient servant,

ADAM FÉRGUSSON,

who are members of the European

We have no such plans, as your

Mr Harris writes, too, about "the

I feel free to speak, having left the

How demoralising that situation

I speak as a teacher of some 40

exercise would be superfluous.

education of our children.

headmaster!

Low Garth,

Whixley,

Yours faithfully,

of a school's life.

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Yours faithfully.

Sudbury House,

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West Street,

February 28.

Wrotham.

RICHARD COOKE

STEWART LACK.

From Mr Richard Cooke

From Mr Lindlev Bullen

Sir, Whatever one's politics, it is becoming clear that Sir Keith Joseph has a shrewd understanding of our state schools and their shortcomings. It is difficult to understand how the teachers' organisations can have any reservations about his recent proposal (report, February 28) that there should be a probationary period for head teachers.

It is clear in my experience that the machinery for appointing head teachers is woefully inadequate. Qualities of man-management, dynamic leadership and a flair for public relations and innovation are some of the qualities least revealed by the present system.

Instead we have successful candidates who have impressive qualifications and little else, or whizz-kids too young to command respect from anybody, including the pupils.

But if there is to be a probationary period, who is to decide if things are going well? The best people to ask are the staff, but, short of a secret opinion poll, they will be unwilling to say anything negative in case their own promotion prospects are jeopardised. Witness the passion of staff room and yet the strangely

muted staff meeting.

An inspection? Not until a team inspectors had taught in the school for at least a term and experienced the frustration of sitting on sterile school committees and sub-committees, the frustration of teaching in badly cleaned and badly heated classrooms with few textbooks, but seeing thousands spent on public-appeal computers - could inspectors even begin to gauge the effectiveness of the head teacher.

I'm fully behind Sir Keith's theories because he is saying things which we as teachers have thought but not dared say for years. Let's see now whether realisation will follow. Yours faithfully, LINDLEY BULLEN,

8 Baycliffe Close,

From Mr Stewart Lack Sir, There have been a great number of crackpot ideas put forward in the realm of education, but the recent scheme of a "probationary period for headmasters" put forward by Sir Keith Joseph just about takes the biscuit. It is a great pity that we so seldom seem to have anybody at the head of the Ministry of Education who has the necessary experience to initiate really effective measures.

(Perhaps, however, it is the "Sir Humphrey" of the situation who is responsible?).

From Mr Adam Fergusson, MEP for West Strathchyde (European Democrat (Conservative)) Sir, When Mr Geoff Harris, a functionary of the "Socialist Group

Splits at Strasbourg

Secretariat" of the European Parliament, writes (February 25) of "deep divisions in the Conservative Party" about the future of the Community it must strike most of your readers as pretty rich. The deep divisions are on the other side. The British Labour contingent in

the Parliament has for five years been split right down the middle on the question of Community membership, to the despair and scorn of the (Continental) Socialist Group. One member has actually defected to join the Independents.

ists are observing that the new British Labour candidates so far

9 Addison Crescent, W4. February 25.

From Sir Paul Hawkins, MP for Norfolk South West (Conservative) Sir, Why did Mr David Hart (February 15) attack farmers so bitterly instead of being constructive? (I hope he is not even a distant aide of the PM. His idea that a minority can be ignored and

insulted is not hers). Yes, the system does encourage large scale company farming. I have fought this development and the sale of country smallholdings for years. But why not suggest ways in which family farms can be encouraged?

pay at least the same taxes as owner occupiers? Should production over certain quantities per farm be paid for at a lower price per gallon or per tonne? Certainly I support farmers being subject to planning laws.

system has been and is a real insurance for the nation and has given housewives a varied and plentiful diet? Would he rather be fed in Poland? Finally, since Norfolk often seems

in mind when the phrase "destroy-

ing the countryside" is used, does he

i. Until the enclosures large areas such as Breckland were hedgeless heaths - sheep and bastard walks. Doubtless he would then have objected to the hedges being planted.

problems deserves nothing but

necessary. The leaders of an increasing number of countries in Africa have shown themselves unable to use power for the benefit of their peoples and have in some cases seriously harmed their domestic agricultures, as in Tanzania and Mozambique. Yours faithfully, ERIC CLAPTON, Agrarian Development Unit, School of Rural Economics and Related Studies, Wye College (University of

Near Ashford, Kent.

February 17.

A glittering prize at Cambridge

From Dr Peter Laslett, FBA

Sir, I write as an individual fellow of Trinity College. Cambridge, to protest against the content and the tone of the discussion about the mastership of the college in your paper (February 25) and in others.

The mastership of Trinity is regarded by academies as a particularly desirable position, a reward in a sense for a very successful career in their own profession. It is a distinction which is also an office of collegiate responsibility, with a prestige which stretches to some

degree beyond the university world. This is as it should be. Every profession needs such positions. But we look like losing the mastership of Trinity to the politicians. It is being talked about as if it were a peculiarly appropriate consolation prize for a highly accomplished but finally

unfortunate political personality.
What is more, our mastership seems to have become one of the established topics of silly season journalism, which is now pursued all vear round by all the papers. I

protest against this too. It is appropriate that a member of our society should now repeat what was said by a fellow of Trinity when a political personage was first suggested for the position in the 1960s. We don't exist to cushion the fall of failing politicians.

Yours etc. PETER LASLETT. Trinity College, Cambridge. February 26.

Charities and VAT From Mr Tim Yeo, MP for Suffolk

South (Conservative) Sir. I would like, on behalf of the Charities' VAT Reform Group. representing over 300 charities, to correct some of the misleading comments made by Lord Bruce-

Gardyne in his article, "No charity for the charities" (February 15).
The Charities' VAT Reform
Group does not have an annual pre-Budget meeting with the Chancellor, it has never claimed that VAT is payable on donations and only seeks to gain relief on charitable activities to bring charities into line with statutory authorities and commercial companies. The Spastics Society's research has shown that there are now 200,000 active registered

charities in this country.

Lord Bruce-Gardyne's first main objection, that VAT relief would not necessarily benefit the most popular and deserving charities, can equally be applied to the other forms of fiscal benefit and concession that charities receive. The Government in which Lord Bruce-Gardync was a Treasury minister substantially expanded tax concessions to chari-

ties on an entirely unselective basis. Nor do we need to be reminded of the "crazy paving" within the tax system. Lord Bruce-Gardyne system. Lord Bruce-Gardyne showed himself willing to extend the haphazard tax system during the last Government by announcing VAT relief for health authorities as an inducement to privatize certain

services. However desirable reform of the tax system must be, it should be stressed that each year the members of the Charities' VAT Reform Group are losing about £10m, money which Lord Bruce-Gardyne himself points out could be used for

other vital services. Finally I, and many others connected with charities, find it offensive that genuine charitable activity is equated with the work of

football clubs. However, I welcome his recognition that VAT relief should not be withheld on grounds of cost or

Yours faithfully. TIM YEO, Chairman, Charities' VAT Reform Group, 12 Park Crescent, W1.

The Oman contract

From Mr David Leigh

Sir. Woodrow Wyatt (feature. February 25) is quite free to try and persuade your readers that attempts by private commercial concerns to pay Mr Mark Thatcher for "consultancy" are intimate matters best not pried into.

But, as one of the authors of the articles about Mark Thatcher which he attacks, I am perhaps entitled to say that the central point he makes is, as a matter of fact, untrue.

Sir Woodrow says the Prime Minister was "allowing him to be with her for part of the time on her travels: something which was known to the press at the time and then excited no comment". Mark Thatcher's arrival at the

summer palace of the Sultan of Oman on Cementation's behalf, on the same afternoon as Mrs Thatcher's official arrival there, was not known to the press. Nor, of course, was the reason for his This was one of the facts which

puzzled The Observer when we began our investigation. I am sure your own correspondent covering that trip will confirm that Woodrow Wyatt is not writing accurately.

Yours faithfully. DAVID LEIGH. The Observer. 8 St Andrews Hill, EC4. February 25.

Cross words

From Mr E. P. S. Tufton, Sir, The lexicographer who was so unfair to Cambridge (February 24) may have struck elsewhere. Under Eton, various Oxford

dictionaries have defined a blue, a collar, a haircut, a jacket. But Harrow? A "toothed iron frame for breaking clods". Yours faithfully,

E. P. S. TUFTON. 70 Perrymead Street, SW6. February 24.

Franco state.

Sheltering within Nato From Miss I. Haves Sir. As a member of the silent

majority who shelter thankfully

within Nato, may I say that I am

tired of the ingratitude shown

lowards America by Lord Mayhew (February 21) and his ilk. The Soviet Union today is not what it was in Stalin's time, but its stated intention of world domination still stands. Contrary to what

Lord Mayhew says the plight of certain categories of dissidents is as bad now as it ever was. And Afghanistan is certainly comparable with the overrunning of Easten Europe.

somewhere that at a certain stage they should work through the peace movements.

The Soviets are still following the teachings of Lenin, who said

It is complacent in the extreme to

liberty is eternal vigilance. If America finally gets tired of European criticism and pulls out

I. HAYES, Marlborough, Wiltshire.

there could be no greater calamity. Mr Podhoretz (feature, February 16), don't go home. There are quite a few of us out here who like having



COURT AND SOCIAL

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE March 1: His Excellency Dr Herbert M. Murerwa was received in audience by The Queen and presented the Letter of Recall of his predecessor and his own Letter of Commission as High Commissioner for the Republic of Zimbabwe in

His Excellency was accompanied His Excellency was accompanied by the following members of the High Commission, who had the honour of being presented to Her Majesty: Mr Munyaradzi Samuel Kajese (Deputy High Commissioner), Mr Pat Denis Mtandwa (Counsellor), Mr Alex Maswoswe (First Secretary), Lieutenant-Colonel Shumba (Military/Defence Advisor) Mr Charles Mherikwazyo nel Shumba (Military/Defence Advisor), Mr Charles Mberikwazvo Chilambo (Senior Trade Com-missioner). Mr Nelson Tapera Samkange (Senior Tourism At-tachè), Godffrey Paradzayi Chanetsa (Senior Information Attaché) and Mr Jacob J. Gochera (Senior cruitment/Education Attaché).

Mrs Murerwa had the honour of being received by The Queen. Sir Antony Acland (Permanent Sir Antony Aciano (Fermanent Under-Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs) who had the honour of being received by Her Majesty, was present, and the Gentlemen of the Household in Vaiting were in attendance.

His Excellency Senhor Joso de Freitas-Cruz and Senhora de Freitas-Cruz were received in farewell audience by The Queen and took leave upon His Excellency relinquishing his appointment as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary from Portugal to the Court of St James's.

Sir Hugh Casson (President of the Royal Academy of Arts) and Mr Piers Rodgers (Secretary) had the honour of being received by Her Majesty and submitted the business

of the Institution.

The Duke of Edinburgh, President of the Royal Mint Advisory Committee, this morning presided at a meeting of the Committee at

Buckingham Palace.
His Royal Highness, Patron and
Trustee, attended Receptions at St
James's Palace for young people
who have reached the Gold
Standard in The Duke of Edinburgh's Award. The Duke of Edinburgh attended

a Woodroffe's Luncheon at the Cavairy and Guards Club, Piccadil-ly, WI, where His Royal Highness was received by the President of Woodroffe's Brigadier John Wood-roffe) and the Chairman (Major-General Geoffrey Burch). Lieutenant-Commander Andrew

Wynn, RN, was in attendance.
The Duke of Edinburgh, Captain
General, Royal Marines, this
evening dined with the Royal
Marines Officers' Dinner Club at Lincoln's Inn, WC2, where His Royal Highness was received by the Chairman of the Club (Major-General R. B. Loudoun) and the Secretary (Major A. T. Williams). Captain Anthony Milton, RM,

The Duke of Edinburgh later left.

Euston Station in the Royal Train for Nottingham.

CLARENCE HOUSE

March 1: Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother, accompanied by The Princess Anne, Mrs Mark Phillips, was present this evening at the premiere of the film Champions at the Odeon Cinema, Leicester

The Lady Grimthorpe and Sir

KENSINGTON PALACE March 1: The Prince of Wales this afternoon inaugurated a Bottle Bank. at Kensington Palace. at Kensington Palace.

March !: Princess Alice, Duchess of Gloucester, Air Chief Commandant Women's Royal Air. Force, visited Royal Air Force Swinderby, Lindon Lindon.

coinshire, today. Miss Jean Maxwell-Scott was in

The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh have accepted an invitation from President Mitterrand to attend the ceremonies on June 6 in Normandy to mark the 40th anniversary of the Normandy landings. They will travel overnight to Normandy in HMY Britannia.

The annual meeting of the Analytical Division, Royal Society of Chemistry, has been postponed and will not take place today but the dinner will be held. The meeting will take place on Theeday June 5 will take place on Tuesday, June 5.

A memorial service for Sir Alexander Williams will be held today at 11.30 in the Chapel of the Order of St Michael and St George, Sr Paul's Cathedral.
Sir Anthony and Lady Haverlock-Allan much regret that they were that they were that they were that they were that they are they are the control of the Earl of Warwick in London on Wednesday, February 29th owing to absence staroad.

A memorial service for Robert Mackie will be held in Kensingson United Reform Church, Alleh Street, London, W8, at 6pm on Tuesday, March 6th, 1984.

The Hammton-in-Andren annual St Panf's Cathedral. The Hampton-in-Arden annual tripe supper will be held today at

Forthcoming marriages

Mr M. P. Cox and Miss L M. Hopkins

The engagement is announced between Michael, only son of Mr and Mrs W. L. Cox. of Welwyn Garden City, Hertfordshire, and Isabel daughter of Mr and Mrs E. N. Hopkins, of Transvaal, South

Mr C. J. Durnford and Miss J. P. Jolley

The engagement is announced between Christopher, son of Mr and Mrs R. Durnford, of Thorpe Bay, Essex, and Jane Pamela, daughter of Mr and Mrs M. Jolley, of Marlow,

Captain P. D. W. Garbutt and Miss G. F. Hunter The engagement is announced

between Peter Garbutt, 14th/20th Kings Hussars, eldest son of Major and Mrs W. D. Garbutt, of West Garth, Tollerton, North Yorkshire, and Gail Felicity, eldest daughter of Mrs H. C. Hunter, of Barton St

and Miss J. T. E. Maczkiewicz The ongagement is appounced

between Fergus, son of Mr J. A. Henderson, of Holly Hill, Well, North Yorkshire, and of Mrs Ann Henderson, of Kimmer, Faccombe, Hampshire and Hasker Street. London SW3, and Jolantor, daughter of Mr and Mrs Z. P. Maczkiewicz, of Cambridge.

and Miss M. J. S. Oglethorpe

The engagement is announced etween Anthony, son of Mrs A. Hepworth-Taylor and the late Lieutenant-Colonel W. Hepworth-Taylor, OBE, of Southborough, Tunbridge Wells, and Mary, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs E. W. Ogiethorpe, of Groombridge, Sus-

and Miss H. L. D. Horsfield The engagement is announced between Andrew Charles Homan, The Light Infantry, son of Major-General and Mrs J. V. Homan, of Andover, Hampshire, and Louisa,

youngest daughter of Mr G. H. N. Horsfield and the late Mrs Thea Horsfield, of Underriver, Kent. Mr T. D. H. Lamber and Miss C. L. M. St Pier The engagement is announced between Tristan, son of Mr and Mrs. R. D. Lambeth, of Little Bookham,

Surrey, and Cheryll, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs C. D. St Pier, of Vesicoil Surrey Mr N. W. Lawrence

and Miss A. E. Watts

The engagement is announced between Nigel William, elder son of the late Mr W. R. Lawrence and of Mrs Lawrence, of Bournemouth, Dorset, and Anne Elizabeth, only daughter of Mr and Mrs G. F. Watts, of New Malden, Surrey.

and Miss M. Leopardi

The engagement is announced between Marcus, eldest son of the late Mr Neil McCallum and Mrs Judith McCallum, of George's Farm, Crookham Common, Newrarm, Crookian Common, New-bury, Berkshire, and Marina, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Leandro Leopardi, of 79 Enborne Road, Newbury, Berkshire.

Mr A. T. C. Morgan and Miss S. F. Hoyland

The engagement is announced between Andrew, only son of the late Mr John G. Morgan and of Mrs Audrey Morgan, of Brockworth, Gloucestershire, and Sally, daughter of Dr amd Mrs James Hoyland, of Painswick, Gloucestershire.

Mr W. H. Thomson and Miss A. E. Cridland The marriage has been arranged and

will take place quietly in Gloucester-shire between William Hutt Thom-son, of Haddington. East Lothian. and Alison Evelyn Cridland, of Wickham, Hampshire.

Major S. H. Scourfield Evans, RAOC. and Mrs D. J. Danbiel

The engagement is announced between Simon Scourfield-Evans, RAOC, son of Mrs V. G. Ford, of Bournemouth, and the late Commodore C. M. Ford, RNVR, CBE, and Denise, younger daughter of Mrs E. Cochran, of Liverpool, Sydney, Australia, and the late Mr N.

Mr C. R. Vine . and Miss A. R. Hamilton

The engagement is announced between Colin, younger son of Mr and Mrs A. E. Vinc, of Oakley, Bedfordshire, and Annabel, younge daughter of Captain D. A. Hamil ton, RD. RNR, and Mrs Hamilton of Charlton Marshall, Dorset

Marriages

Dr M. Colchester and Miss J. Miles

The marriage took place at the Angels, Great Tew on Saturday, February 25, of Dr Marcus Colchester, son the the Rev Halsey and Mrs Colchester, and Jillian, daughter of Mr and Mrs David Miles, of Nova Scotia. The bridgeroom's father officiated.

by Clare Stacey and Alexander Colchester. Mr John Lister was best

Mr G. Purefoy and Miss W. A. Walker

The marriage took place yesterday in London between Mr Geoffrey Purefoy, of Shalstone, and Miss

Birthdays today

Sir Leonard Crossland, 70: Instruc-tor Lord-Admiral Sir Charles Darlington, 74; Lieutenant-General Sir John Eldridge, 86; Lord Elton, 54; Mr R. E. Groves, 64; Sir Cyril Haines, 89; Lord Howie of Troon, 60; Cardinal Basil Hume, 61; Dame Naomi James, 35; Mr T. Mervyn Jones, 74; Mr Daniel Meinertzha-con 68; Donne Pattie Menzies, 25-Lieutenant-General Sir Robert Richardson, 55; Mr Robert Simp-son, 63; Professor B. G. J. Upton, 51; Mr J. P. R. Williams, 35.

London Welsh St David's Day

Music scholarship examination 1984

Memorial meeting Sir Roy Allen

Reception

were hosts yesterday at a reception held at the Welsh Office to mark St

Sir John Ackroyd, 52; Miss Margaret Barbkeri, 37; Mr Harry Blech, 74; Lady Moyra Browne, 66; Baroness Burton of Coventry, 80; Lord Cottesioe, 84; Lord Crook, 83; Sir Leonard Crossland, 70; Instrucen, 69: Dame Pattie Menzies, 85;

The Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, Sign Geoffrey Howe, QC, was guest of honour at the London Welsh St David's Day celebration held yesterday evening at the Savoy Hotel, at which the president was Mr David J. Griffiths. The toaks to the immortal memory of St David
was proposed by Mr Llewellyn N.
H. George and the other speakers
were Lord Justice Warkins, VC, and Sir Geraint Evans, Baroness White-

The Leys School

exhibition: James 6 Lewis. wood Park School, Markvate.

A meeting in memory of Sir Roy Allen was held yesterday evening at the London School of Economics. Professor Michael Wise, Pro Director, introduced the speakers, Sir Sydney Caine, Professor W. T. Baxter, Professor L. C. B. Gower

HIM Government Mr Nicholas Edwards, Secretary of State for Wales, and Mrs Edwards

Dr Herbert M. Murerwa, the new High Commissioner for Zimbabwe, who vesterday presented his letter of commission to the Queen at Buckingham Palace. His wife, Ruth, was also received in andience (Photograph: Chris Harris).

Luncheons

Royal College of Surgeons of Professor Geoffrey Slaney, President of the Royal College of Surgeons of England, yesterday college, Mr A. G. Trower, Mr A. J. Bateson, Mr L. H. Valner and Professor Sir Gordon Robson.

Institution of Water Engineers and The council of the Institution of

Water Engineers and Scientists entertained at luncheon at Grosveafor House yesterday representatives of government departments, pro-fessional institutions, and other organizations connected with the

Butchers' Company
The Master of the Butchers'
Company Mr John W. Brewster,
presided at a Court luncheon held at
Butchers' Hall, yesterday. The toast to the guests was proposed by Mr W. Howell Maybery

Dinners

Grocers' Company

The Duke of Gloucester was present at a dinner given on Tuesday by the Grocers' Company at Grocers' Hall to mark the bicentenary of the admission of William Pitt the Younger to the honorary freedom of the Company. The Prime Minister also attended. The Master, Mr A. K. Stewart-Roberts, presided with the Wardens. Among the guests, who included descendants of members of

discovered the secrets

makers created their best

instruments has been put to

New violins and violas have

been made by established

makers of stringed instru-

ments to a specification of Dr

Joseph Nagyvary, of Texas A

Dr Nagyvary processed the

bodies of the instruments with

a preservative stain and a

varnish that is supposed to confer a quality which has not

been captured since the days of

music masters such as Antonio

A report called "The Stradi-varias Formula", in the March

issue of Science 84, examines

the basis of the claimed

The invention was derived

from an analysis of the

chemical composition of the

wood used in the instruments

and the varnish with which they were finished.

The experts read about 200

books and manuscripts on the

way the Italian masters work-

ing in Cremona chose their

& M University.

Renaissance violin

Pitt's Cabinets and representatives of the Pitt Club, were:

Royal Cruising Club The Lord Mayor and Sir John Donaldson were present at the annual dinner of the Royal Cruising Club held last night at the Naval and Military Club. The Commo-dore, Mr Jonathan Trafford, was in dore, Mr Jonaulan transcas, the chair. Other guests were Rear-Admiral D. W. Haslam, Hydrographer of the Navy, Mr W. W. McKean, Commodore of the Clyde Cruising Club, and Mrs McKean, and Mr and Mrs Forbes Perkins, Cruising Club of America.

CID, New Scotland Yard Senior officers of the Criminal Investigation Department, New Scotland Yard, held their annual ladies' evening at New Scotland Yard yesterday, when Assistant Commissioner (Crime) Gilbert Kelland, was the principal guest. Commander D. H. Williams

Eurogypsum Mr A. G. Turner. President of BMP, and Mrs Turner, entertained delegates to the Enrogypsum London conferences and their ladies at dinner yesterday at the Naval and Military Club. The principal guests

The search for the key to

the secret of the old stringed

instruments' perfect tone and

In 1830 the physicist-phys-

ician, Felix Savart, measured

the resonance fremencies of

the bellies and backs of

violin maker, Jean Baptiste

Vuillanme, who dismanted a

dozen Straussandris for him to study. dozen Stradivaris and Guarne-

violin's key characteristic was

the half or whole tonal

difference between the front

and back sections. It was an

important discovery but not

enough for makers to imitate

the Cremona sound. Since then scientists have

pursued three other lines of

investigation: the wood, the

varnishes and other chemical

treatments, and the construc-

Saunders, another physicist, and his student, Carleen

Hutchins, measured the acons-

tic and vibration properties of

Frederick

late

tion and acoustics.

The

ona violins with a Free

Science report

atives and varnish.

balance is not new.

Royal Marines

the principal guest at the annual dinner of the Royal Marines Officers' Dinner Club held last night at Lincoh's Inn. Major-General R. B. Loudoun presided and the Treasurer and Under-Treasurer of Lincoln's Inn were also present.

A dinner of the Royal Naval Engineers Dining Club was held at the Institute of Marine Engineers City Conference Centre vesterday. Sir Frank Cooper was guest of honour and Rear-Admiral J. S. Grove, Chief Naval Engineer Officer, presided. Commander R. N. M. Paige, RN, also spoke. Others present included Admiral Sir Lindsay Bryson.

Royal Army Ordnance Corps

Services, Major-General W. L. Whalley, and officers of the Royal Army Ordnance Corps held a corps guest night in their Headquarters
Officers' Mess, Deepout, yesterday.
Among the guests were General Sir
Richard Trant. Quarter-Master General, Major-General B. W. Davis, Vice-Quarter-Master General, and Brigadier J. Chapman, Chief of Staff Logistic Executive

Service dinners

The Duke of Edinburgh Captain General of the Royal Marines, was

Royal Naval Engineers

The Director General of Ordnand

critical certain acoustical

properties of the wood and the

construction were to a fine

instrument's sound. A particu-

lar focus for their work was

the Young's modulus of the

plates – Young's modulus is a

physical constant, sometimes

called the modulus of elas-

material's stiffness. In natural

woods there is more stiffness

Dr Nagyvary began his work on the premise that during the Renaissance it was

natural for a chemist to make

music and a musician to study

His scrutiny of the literature

for the period revealed that

elaborate methods of preserv-ing and strengthening wood

which were used by furniture

Wood was soaked in several

solutions, including wine and beer, that contained finely ground sand. These liquids

have high levels of potassium

tartrate and the sand adds

makers.

with the grain than against it.

ticity, which is a measure of

Stradivarius 'discovery' put to the test

By Pearce Wright, Science Editor

Westminster Cathedral

Choir School Choral scholarships have be awarded to the following:
Harry Escol. Eaten House School. Los by the school of the following school. House School. Primary School. Primary School. Roman Strophen Kennedy Turess's RC Primary School. Roman School.

Latest appointments The following Scottish Office appointments are announced:

Mr Lordon P. Hamilton to succeed Mr J. L. Smith, Secretary of the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries for Scotland, after Mr

Smith's retirement on April 30.

Mr Ian D. Penman to succeed Mr

W. K. Reid as Deputy Secretary. Central Services, on July 1.

Mr James A. Scott to succeed Mr J

A. M. Mitchell Secretary of the

Scottish Education Department, after, Mr Mitchell's retirement on

August 31.

Mr W. K. Reid, Deputy Secretary

Central Services, will succeed Mr A

L. Rennie. Secretary of the Scottish Home and Health Department, on Mr Rennie's retirement on June 30.

Viscount Tonypandy to be Chair-man of the Joint Commonwealth

Societies' Council.

Sir James Hamilton to be a trustee of the British Museum (Natural

History) for five years, in successio to Sir Michael Perrin.

Doncaster Health Authority.

Mr M. C. Foy to be Chairman of the

Other appointments include:

Latest wills

The fifth Earl of Stradbroke, of Clovelly, Devon, who succeeded his brother as earl four days before his death left estate valued at £117,906 net. Other estates include (net. before tax paid): Clothier, Mr Herbert Wilfred, of

Milton Clevedon, Somerset £627,222

Rankine, Mrs Keith Stuart Macken-£1,054,065

Richardson, Mr Edward William Adams, of Ewhurst Green, Surrey £450,672 Wilson, Mr Joseph Arnold Hex-greave, of Westbury on Trym, Bristol £452,467

Inner Temple

Mr John Archer, QC, Mr David Sullivan. QC. Mr Stanley Brodie, QC, and Mr Thomas Legg have been elected Masters of the Bench of the Inner Temple.

The following promotions to

Navy promotions

lieutenant-commander on the sup-plementary list have been made to date March 1: Galte March I:
Samulenmilary list
Seamen: To liculenant-commander: R G G
Wood, A J Mead, C J Kirby, I T Milne,
K Wyman, K S Manchanda, R A Doggell.
R L Beveridge, A J Eagles, R J Hoole.
Engineering: To liculenant-commander:
PR L Sebley, R J Green.

Correction

It is regretted that the name of Sir Myles Abbott, who died on January 12 was published in the "Birthdays today" feature.on February 27.

insects and moisture damage

They also highlighted the

Another practice was

worked in salt water bays for

up to five years. The pro-cedures for treating wood had

leached out some minerals and

introduced others, according to

He says that those pro-

cedures changed the wood's

structure and gave it better

tone-generating properties. The compounds he has devel-

oped for processing the wood and particularly the formula to

imitate the hard "chitin"

The response of

varuishes are the subject of a

fessional violinists to instru-

ments made by the new

process is mixed. In general

the instruments are regarded

as of a high quality, but there

is more caution in comparing

them to the tones of

Renaissance masters.

Dr Nagyvary.

patent application.

store wood waiting to

PALMER Sir Harry Pitt writes: I hope you will allow me to

OBITUARY

MR JOHN

PRINGLE

Work for

schizophrenics

Mr John Pringle, OBE, who died on February 29, was

founder and President of the

National Schizophrenia Fellow-

ship, which provides support

and consolation on a variety of

levels for schizophrenia suf-

ferers and their relatives, and is

active in attempting to improve

John Pringle was born in

1904, son of a Scottish professor of Economics. After 1st class

honours in history at Edinburgh

In 1931 he became a leader writer for the Manchester Guardian (one of the last recruits of C. P. Scott). After

about five years he joined the BBC as talks producer and

went on to become the deputy

After the war he was sometime public relations officer for the British Medical Association

until he started to work with Sir

Robert Shone in setting up the

National Economics Develop-ment Council of which he

became chief public relations

He was active earlier in

initiating a charitable society for spastics. But his proudest achievement was the National

The Fellowship had its

genesis in an article published anonymously in The Times by Pringle in 1970, entitled A

Case of Schizophrenia" which described a case history and the

effects on the family struck by

the distress. This elicited a response from readers with

schizophrenic relatives which

gave the impetus to Pringle and

his wife, Jacqueline, to work until the Fellowship came into

being, commuting between London and the Isle of Arran

with their office in a shoebox".

discussion and pressure group.

it quickly grew to its current

membership of 5,000, giving the

relatives of sufferers and some-

times patients themselves opportunities to come together to

find mutual support and pro-fessional advice as well as

giving publicity to the plight of

the schizophrenic, keeping an eye on mental health policy-

making and sponsoring re-

Pringle was appointed OBE for his work in 1978.

MR GERALD +

search.

Care organization, forum for

Schizophrenia Fellowship.

editor of The Listener during

the war.

adviser.

he went on to Cambridge.

provision for patients.

dd to your obitnary of Mr Gerald Palmer a further observation about his service to the University of Reading. In addition to his terms at Vice-President and President of Council, he was chairman of its building committee These agents pickled the the formative period of the wood and made it resistant to planning of the university site. which made possible the later rapid expansion of the university which reached its peak during his own presidency. His other contributions.

though less tangible, were equally valuable and lasting, for they exemplified to perfection the benefits which accrue to a university through the devoted support of wise and experienced lay members of council. His standing in the county and strong local connections helped to maintain and strengthen the good relationship between the university and the local community itself to preserve a general sense of harmony. particularly between its council and its academic members.

This was particularly evidenin his relations with student for he seemed always to show understanding and sympathy. reinforced by a strong serie of humour, which made it pessible for quite serious disagres to be resolved without lasting damage or ill feeling the will be greatly missed by fis! many friends.

Law Report March 2 1984 House of Lords

National Union of Journalists loses appeal against Dimbleby dispute injunction

Dimbleby & Sons Ltd v National Union of Journalists

Before Lord Diplock. Lord Fraser of Tullybelton, Lord Scarman, Lord Bridge of Harwich and Lord Brandon of Oakbrook [Speeches delivered March 1]

The National Union of Journaline Nanonal Union of Journalists had failed to show any ground that would have entitled the Court of Appeal or the House of Lords to interfere with the exercise of the judge's discretion in granting interlocutory injunctions restraining the NUJ from continuing to instruct or encourage its members who or encourage its members who were journalists employed by Dimbleby & Sons Ltd to refuse to assist or at sons Ltd to refuse to assist or participate in the production of copy or other material for publi-cation in the Dimbleby newspapers, and ordering the NUJ to withdraw forthwith any such instructions or encouragement already given.

The House of Lords' so held,

dismissing an appeal by the NUJ from a judgment on November 29, 1983 of the Court of Appeal (Sir-John Donaldson Master of the Rolls, Lord Justice Griffiths and Rolls. Lord Justice Griffiths and Lord Justice Stephen Brown) (The Times December 7, 1983; 1984) 1 WLR 67) affirming an order dated November 18, 1983; made by Sir Neil Lawson sitting as a deputy High Court Judge.

Mr John Melville Williams, OC and Mr John Melville Williams, OC and Mr John Weller 6, 1985, 2007.

and Mr John Hendy for the NUJ; Mr Stephen Silber and Mr Ali Malek for Dimbleby & Sous Ltd.

LORD DIPLOCK said that the action in which the interlocutory injunction was granted was brought Dimbleby who were publishers by Dimbleby who were publishers of several local weekly newspapers circulating in suburban areas in west

The cause of action alleged in the writ issued against the NUI was the common law tort of inducing or procuring breaches of or inter-ference with the performance of contracts between Dimbleby and a number of advertisers in the Dimbleby newspapers, and of a contract between Dimbleby and a printing company in Nottingham, TBF (Printers) Ltd for the printing of the Dimbleby newspapers by TBF.

The method of inducement or procurement alleged to have been adopted by the NUJ was instructing. under threat of disciplinary sanctions, 13 journalists employed by Dimbleby who were members of the NUI to break their contracts of employment with Dimbleby by refusing to supply copy and material for publication in the Dimbleby newspapers. The relief claimed in the writ was damages for the common law torts alleged and injunctions to restrain the NUI from continuing to commit them. from continuing to commit them.

By notice of motion of October
25. 1983, Dimbleby applied for interlocutory injunctions; (i) to restrain the NUI from continuing to instruct or otherwise encourage the NUI journalists to refuse to assist or

participate in the production of copy or other material for publication in the Dimbleby newspapers; and (ii) to withdraw forthwith any such instruction or encouragement In the exercise of his discretion.

the judge granted interlocutory injunctions to that effect and on an appeal from that interlocutory order the exercise of his discretion in that manner was upheld by the Court of It was because this was the first action to reach their Lordship's

House in which, as a result of the withdrawal of immunity of trade unions from actions in tort that was effected by sections 15 to 17 of the Employment Act 1982, damages and injunctions interlocutory and final were sought against a trade appeal committee of the House gave the NUJ leave to appeal despite the fact that this was only an

cutory appeal. This case was not one in which there was before the House, or was before the Court of Appeal, any evidence that had not been before the judge when he granted the tions; so, as was pointed out Hamilton [(1983] AC 191, 220) the function of their Lordships in this

appeal, initially at any rate, was one of review only.

The general principles to be applied by a judge in deciding

down in American Cvanamid Co v Ethicon Ltd ([1975] AC 396, 407): "The use of such expressions as 'a probability.' 'a prima facie case,' or 'a strong prima facie case' in the

context of the exercise of a discretionary power to grant an interlocutory injunction leads to confusion as to the object sough to be abbigued by this form be achieved by this form of temporary relief. The court no doubt must be satisfied that the claim is not frivolous or vexatious; in other words, that there is a serious question to be tried. "It is no part of the court's function at this stage of the litigation to try to resolve conflicts

may ultimately depend nor to decide difficult questions of law which call for detailed argument and mature consideration. These are matters to be dealt with at the To the first of the sentences cited. a statutory modification was made by section 17 (2) of the Trade Union and Labour Relations Act 1974, which was added to that section by

of evidence on affidavit as to facts

on which the claims of either party

In effect that subsection provided that in exercising its discretionary power to grant an interlocutory injunction in an action to which it would be a defence that the acts

paragraph 6 of Part III of Schedule 16 to the Employment Protection

trade dispute, the court should take such defence succeeding at the trial. Section 17(2) of the 1974 Act remained in force although the definition of what constituted a trade dispute had been much narrowed by section 18 of the 1982 Act and it applied in cases in which the plaintiff claimed that the acts of the trade union that were com-plained of constituted "secondary action" that was rendered action able by section 17 of the Employment Act 1980 notwithstanding that such secondary action was taken in contemplation or furtherance of a trade dispute.

Those changes in the law which ad been made by the 1980 and 1982 Acts took place after the decision of the House of Lords in NWL Ltd v Woods ([1979] 1 WLR 1294), where there was a passage which referred to the practical realities in an action brought by a plaintiff against are individual office-holder of a trade union who had been acting on his trade union's behalf Those practical realities. pl 305. were: "(1) that the real

dispute is not between the employer and the trade union that is threatening industrial action; "(2) that the threat of blacking or other industrial action is being used as a bargaining counter in nego-tiations either existing or anticipated to obtain agreement by the employer to do whatever it is the

promoted effectively only so long as it is possible to strike while the iron is still hot; once postponed it is unlikely that it can be revived;

"(4) that, in consequence of these three characteristics, the grant or refusal of an interlocutory injunc-tion generally disposes finally of the action; in practice actions of this type seldom if ever come to actual trial." As a result of the passing of the 1980 and 1982 Acts however, what

in 1979 were practical realities no longer applied in 1983 to a suit against a trade union claiming damages for an injunction to restrain it from secondary action which was actionable. If the suit succeeded the trade-union would be liable not only in damages up to a substantial maximum (£125,000 in the case of

the NUJ), but also for costs without

any maximum limit, and to unlimited fines or sequestration of its assets if, by breaching an injunction, it should commit contempt of court. In his Lordship's speech in NWL.

Ltd v Woods which preceded the reference to the practical realities, he pointed out that if the plaintiff continued the action to a successful conclusion, it was unlikely that demonstrates and the color than the damages on the scale that the plaintiff would have sustained would be likely to prove recoverable

defendants who alone, at that time. "Is the could be made defendants to the tried."

That was what lav at the root of the "reality" numbered (4). At so carly a stage in the action as that at which an injunction was generally sought (as it was in the instant case), still was, engaged in a trade dispute there was no reason for a judge to with a powerful trade union that exercise his discretion on the case would establishments. Appeared in the the "reality" numbered (4). At so carly a stage in the action as that at sought (as it was in the instant case), there was no reason for a judge to exercise his discretion on the assumption that the case would udgment where the defendant was the trade union itself and not a more individual office-holder in it.

The statutory requirement of section 17(2) of the 1974 Act, that in exercising his discretion whether or not to grant an interlocutory injunction, the judge should have regard to the likelihood of the lefendants succeeding in es or 15 of the 1974 Act, on the ground that the acts complained of were done in contemplation of a trace dispute, applied also since the 1980 Act) to any issue between the plaintiff and the defendant as to whether the acts complained of were excluded from the protection of section 13 of the 1974 Act by the provisions of section 17 of the 1980 Act relating to actionable secondary

As respects all other issues raised criterion to be applied in order to make recourse to the balance convenience necessary, was the ordinary criterion laid down in American Cyanamid v Ethicon Ltd.

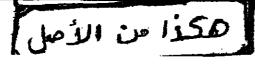
ted. 7.
The Dimbleby newspapers printed not by Dimbleby itself but establishments engaged in the printing trade, the National Graphical Association (NGA). As a result of that trade dispute there was a strike by members of the NGA employed by Dimbleby Printers which stopped the Dimbleby newspapers from appearing after newspapers from appearing after August 19, 1983.

In order to resume publication Dimbleby had to find an alternative

printer who did not employ members of the NGA. It found one in TBF (Printers) Ltd which was an associated company of T. Bailey Forman Ltd. the publishers of the Nottingham Evening Post, with whom the NUI had been engaged in a trade dispute which started in 1979 and was still continuing. The two companies had parallel shareholding and were controlled by the same (third)

in the first week of October 1983. Dimbleby entered into an eral by Dimbleby to TBF of copy Dimbleby newspapers and printing of the necessary quantities

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More than 60 per cent of all new cars sold in Britain are bought by

businesses. Every car. maker of note is battling to increase its share of this £7

assets, i.e. new cars.

being allowed a wide choice

With few exceptions manu-

facturers run demonstration

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to borrow. He is offered cars for

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test of reliability. In a year which has seen the fiercest price

war in living memory many

demonstrators have also been

used to sweeten the pot and

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clinch a deal.

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market

otor industry watchers are agreed that there will be a reaction this year to 1983's new car sales market. It is variously estimated at between £7,000m and bonanza which saw a record milion cars sold in Britain. But while they expect the market to fall to around 1.7 million some observers insist that fleet and company car sales will buck the trend and increase.

It seems that 1983 was the year of the private buyer and it was this retail led boom which is expected to tail off somewhat this year. Ford, the long established market leader in the company car business, confidently expect the fleet sector will increase by 4 per cent.

Mr Emie Thompson, Ford's director of sales says: "A lot of vehicle replacement has been postponed a lot of leasing contracts have been extended and there is a degree of pent-up demand. This will fuel an increased fleet market".

back in the car park", A 4 per cent increase is good The demize of the Cortina, the news at any time but when it advent of the trendy Sierra, the relates to the uniquely importintroduction of Vauxhall's exant British fleet and company market it is especially good. tremely successful Cavalier and Britain is the only country in a host of new offerings from the the world where company importers produced with an eye bought cars account for over 60 to the needs of the company buyer, all place the emphasis on per cent of all the cars sold.

Services of the services of th

Fleet News, the leading trade paper serving this very specialand possibly lower maintenance ised sector, undertook a survey costs because of the extra pride of readers with responsibility for 3.5 million cars and came up with some very significant information which further emphasises the importance of the sector to car manufacturers, their dealers and the increasing anything from a few days to number of contract hire, leasing

and consultancy firms. it found that 41 per cent of companies replace their cars every two years, 40 per cent every three and 12 per cent every four. The surprise was the number favouring three years instead of the more generally established practice of two penalties introduced for comyearly intervals. Such is the pany cars above 1800cc has pressure on firms finances at seen firms rush through a present that they are apparently hurried modification of an prepared to accept additional existing model. In BMW's case

Company cars

A SPECIAL



One man and his cars: John Pugh, Vauxhall fleet sales manager

half a dozen.

it now offers the BMW 318i especially tailored for the executive who previously bought the 2 litre six cylinder BMW 320i but resented having to pay the extra tax. The 1766cc BMW 318i is the answer.

Vauxhall has also been able to cash in on the same tax driver choice. The spin-off for the firm is a happier employee problem with up market versions of the Cavalier and the larger bodied Carlton with and care with his perferred new engines just scraping under the

One of the less publicised but still important attractions of the fleet market for the manufacturer is that the fleet operator is less inclined to join the rush for August new model year registration than the private buyer. The professional buyer knows only too well that PDI's (Predelivery inspections) tend to be skimped as workshops are swamped by the flood of August orders. They are much more concerned with the mileage their cars will do and the affect on resale prices than the pre-fix

on their registration plates. All manufacturers offer spe-

cial deals to fleet buyers. Until recently it was generally as-sumed these were only available to what the trade calls Registered Fleet Operators (RFO's) That is those with fleets of 25 or more vehicles. Transport managers are given VIP treatment with frequent invitations to new car launches and technical presentations. They are even

consulted at an early stage in the development of new models and certainly when new designs are put to the test of public acceptability in secretly held

> In the past 18 months, however, as many of the smaller importers have sought to rectify their exclusion from the lucra-tive fleet market the 25 minimum has been scrapped. Indeed with some of the importer's dealers standing to benefit by a factory bonus of

 Fleet News Motor Show being held at Wembley Conference Centre, London, several hundred pounds for every company car sold in this way, the more cynical fleet operators are now talking of RFO's with a fleet of less than

The future is very much in the melting pot at present. The Day of The Cortina is over and most knowledgeable observers believe it will never return. As one major fleet operator put it; "Ford's total dominance of the fleet market rested solidly on the broad shoulders of the Cortina at a time when its competitors were not in the same street. Those days are gone. Every manufacturer of any size selling in Britain today is in there pitching for business with fast improving cars".

The transport director of a Midland engineering group with 75 cars in his fleet said: "In the future you will find that more and more fleets contain a wider selection of cars particularly for middle management. In our case we were worried about complicating maintenance work by introducing more makes to what had been essentially a

single manufacturer fleet supplemented by a few expensive cars of different makes for board members.

"Today we have three makes in the main fleet and that will increase to five in a couple of months. So many modern cars are now reliable enough to be operated short fleet life without undue

> Clifford Webb Motoring Correspondent

LM11 will rectify that in April. throughout their maintenance expenses".



The shape of things to come: Austin-Rover's LM11, to be called the Montego

The new model waiting to be unwrapped

leader Ford and fast improving Vauxhall for the lion's share of the fleet market for medium cars - represented by their Sierra and Cavalier models - is one of the most bitter confrontations we in Britain have seen for a long time. "Those two are not taking many prisoners and that means give away prices. follow up services and five star attention", was how the fleet sales manager of a rival manufacturer put it.

It is not difficult to see why the two American groups are concentrating so much of their time and resources on this one sector. Medium cars account for some 60 per cent of all cars sold in Britain and more than half are bought by companies or professional men and women. That means 500,000 cars a year on the basis of last year's 1.79 million new car registrations.

in truth, however, the medium sector is tending to divide itself into lower and upper groupings with cars like the Escort and Astra in the lower bracket. Austin Rover's Maestro, now approaching its first birthday, has tried to keep a foot in both camps because it is a little longer than Escort and offers more interior space.

Maestro has made promising inroads into fleet business but if Austin Rover is to improve on its 18.5 per cent market share it must do a great deal better. For far too long it has not had suitable models for this very demanding sector. Maestro was a start but it does not compete head on with Sierra or Cavalier.

Ever since Maestro was launched the industry's grape vine has been full of rumours about LM 11. It was said to be a booted version of the hatchback

effect caused tempers to rise at Austin Rover's Coventry headquarters. Company sources insisted that LM 11, soon to be called Montego, only bears a family likeness to Maestro and is in fact much larger. Unofficial photographs seem to

Brian Mahony, Austin Rover's UK sales director, says: "LM 11 is probably the most vital ingredient in the company's recovery plans. It is pitched directly at Cavalier and Sierra. More and more we are taking the views of fleet operators into our new product designs. Those who have seen preproduction models have been impressed"

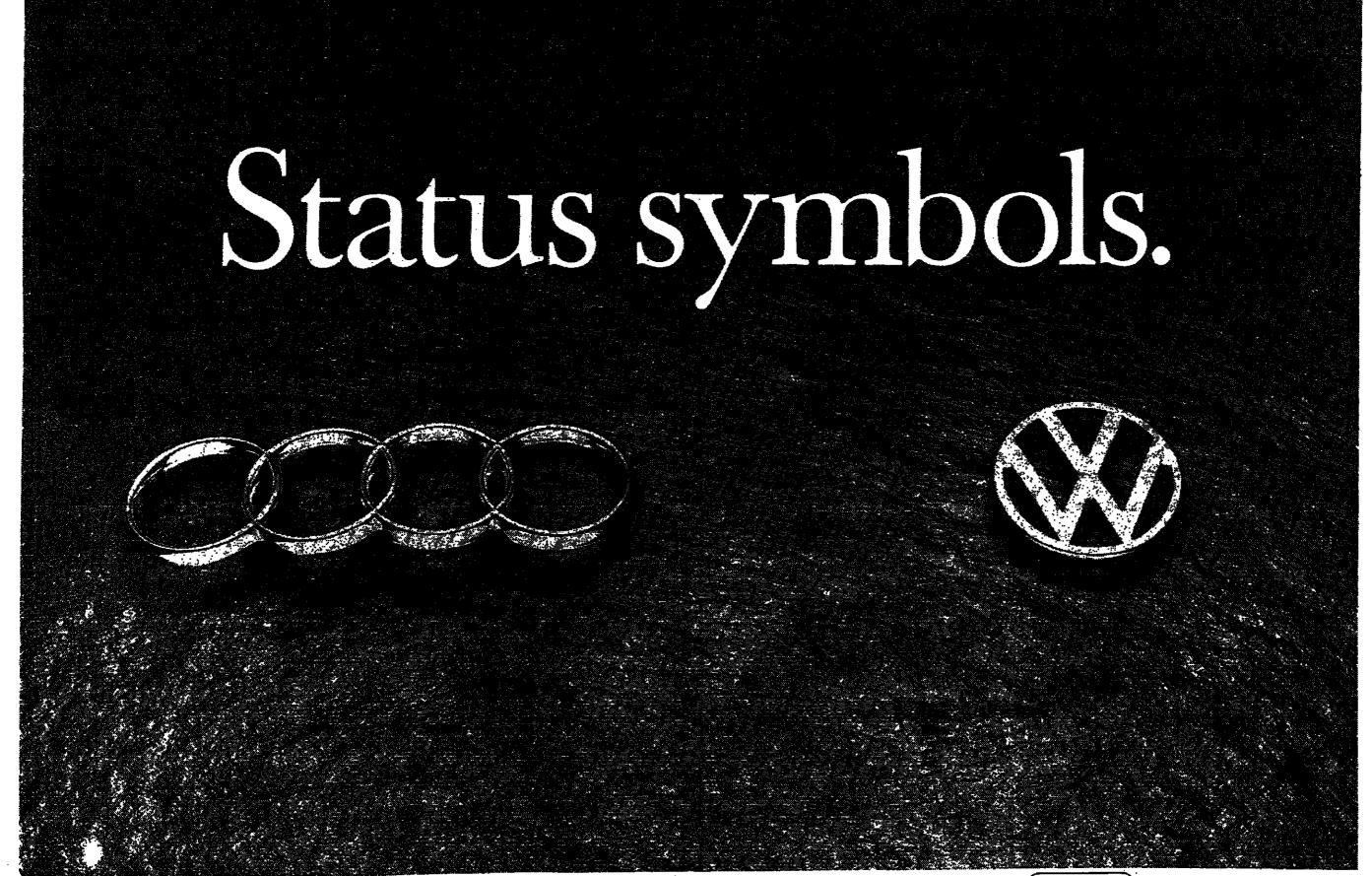
The importance of LM 11 is underlined by the changes that have been made in the company's fleet sales department to prepare for its arrival. In the past year another 50 fleet sales staff have been recruited and reorganised into three divi-sions under Jeffery Johnson, the fleet sales director.

For the first time private and public sector fleet sales have their own sales team. Both are backed by an entirely new departure for a BL company - a Think Tank" to look after long term fleet strategy and sales developments. It will be seen by down to earth fleet operators, who over the years have been very critical of BL's lack of attention to ficet needs, as clear evidence of its determination to break with the bad old days.

Vauxhall is the new blue eyed boy in the fleet business. In September 1981 when the front wheel drive Cavalier was launched the General Motors company held a little over 8 per cent of the fleet market. At the end of last year it was claiming 16.5 per cent and within the crucial medium sector was holding a remarkable 25 to 30

John Pugh, Vauxhall's fleet sales manager, is quite insistent that there has never been anything approaching Cavalicr's impact on flect buyers. "They are a notoriously conservative bunch where new cars are concerned prefering to sit back and let someone else iron out the bugs. That did not happen with Cavalier. Right from the start they took to it

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From Austin to Volvo: Peter Waymark looks at the cars that count in the drive for sales

The never-ending battle for rich fleet pickings

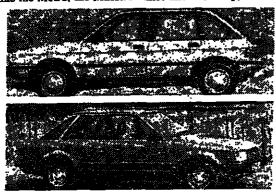
This time last year BL had just Maestro's defence, it must be launched the Austin Maestro said that the car did not go on

convincing entrant in this part in the sector, of the market for decades, a car to banish the unhappy memory achievement, for the Astra, true of the Allegro and make a to its German origins, was an strong appeal to fleet buyers. All excellent vehicle, sturdily built the right elements were there - and with superb handling, and excellent fuel economy, low like the Escort it was already servicing costs and a design well established in the market, based on tried and tested A new version of the Astra is components. The engines were comprehensively revised ver-

and motor industry watchers sale until nearly two months wondered whether the Ford into the year, that if five-door Escort's seemingly perennial versions only are counted, it domination of the light-me-matched the Escort almost car dium sector might at last be for car, and it did have the satisfaction of displacing the The Maestro was BL's first Vauxhall Astra as number two

The last was no mean

These three are battling it out sions of units that had seen in the small/medium sector service in several other BL with the others a long way models, while the gearboxes behind. Unhappily for Talbot, were bought in from Volkswa-the Horizon is one of the also gen. Robot assembly augured rans, once voted Car of the well for the quality of the car Year, and strong on performand like the Metro, the Maestro ance and economy, it has failed



Top: the Austin Maestro and Ford's Escort

promised to be - indeed had to to sell in Britain in any numbers

be - right first time. The Escort, though, was a formidable competitor. Its biggest advantage was getting into the field first and once initial doubts about front-wheel drive and the hatchback bodyshell both traditionally anathema to fleet managers - had been overcome, the car simply took over where the old Escort had

So far the Escort has come through the challenge of the Maestro unscathed. In last year's record British car market, the Escort was not only the top model but outsold the Maestro by nearly three to one. In the business

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and Talbot must already be looking to the replacement due

The superminis, too, are significant fleet vehicles, for driving schools, car hire firms. television rental companies and the like. BL's Metro is established as the class leader, though the Fiesta will hope to do better after a face-lift in the autumn which produced a 20

per cent saving of fuel. Vauxhall's Spa Vauxhall's Spanish-built
Nova, which has the advantage of being offered in both saloon and hatchback forms, is also starting to build a useful fleet

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engine size (cc)	1,295	1,275	1,297	1,294
consumption (mpg): urban 56 mph 75 mph	30.4 47.1 36.7	37.0 52.5 37.8	32.5 51.4 38.2	36.2 48.7 37.2
front wing	£42.43	£30.00	£36.15	£41.50
clutch unit	£48:42	£52.50	£42.65	249.73
major service	1hr 42mins	2hrs 6mins	1hr 12mins	1hr 55mins
insurance group	3	3	3	3

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	Ford Sierra 1.6L 5 door/ 4 speed	Vauxhall Cavalier1.5L 4 door/ 4 speed	Austin Montago 4 door	Tafbot Solara 1.6GL 4 door/ 5 speed	Renault 18GTL 4 door/ 5 speed
price	26,221	25,882	?	26,145	£5,950
engine size (cc)	1,593	1,598	?	1,592	1,647
consumption (mpg): urban 56 mph 75 mph	- 28.0 44.8 34.9	29.4 46.3 35.2	? ? ?	28.8 50.4 37.2	32.5 57.7 42.2
front wing	£44.66	£47.50	?	246.25	£41.28
clutch unit	£47.03	₹46.80	?	£78.80	£54.59
major service	2hrs 24mins	1hr 12mins	?	1hr55mins	2hrs 30mlns
insurance group	3	3	?	3	4

The Cavalier treatment

offering a good blend of performance, handling and fuel

Secondly, it arrived on the

market just a year before Ford

replaced the Cortina and in the

uncertainty about how the Sierra would turn out, fleet managers decided to give Vaux-

hall a try. Many of them liked

The Sierra proved a contro-

the Cavalier and stayed with it.

contains the richest fleet pickings, is witnessing a fierce battle for sales between the Vauxhall Cavalier and Ford's Cortina replacement, the Sierra. If the Sierra has generally been ahead, Ford does not rule this part of the market to the extent it did throughout the 1970s.

The Cavalier came in with two advantages. First, it was an excellent car, building on the reputation of the previous Cavalier for quality and re-liability (not always Vauxhall's

How to run

versial design. The car tried to do two things at once: revive Ford's flagging mid-range sales on the Continent and prove an greatest assets in the past) and acceptable successor to the Cortina. It offered a striking hatchback bodyshell and independent rear suspension to Henlys leasing options help you keep your European motorists but had the

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During 1983, nudged along by heavy discounting, the Sierra outsold the Cavalier by 159,000 to 127,500; last month the Cavalier edged ahead and in doing so helped General Motors

market share than BL. For BL. though, the riposte is not far away: in April it launches a Sierra/Cavalier challenger in

the Austin Montego (LM 11). BL's biggest weakness in the last few years has been the lack of a strong contender in the medium sector for neither the Ital, a revamped version of the Morris Marina, nor the Ambassador (formerly the Prin-cess) has really filled the bill. The Montego will replace both and more than the Metro or Maestro it could be BL's make or break model.

It is expected to have a similar mechanical specification to that of the Maestro, but there reassurance of rear-wheel drive and proven engines for the more conservative British fleet cusmay be a wider choice of engines with a two litre as well as a 1300 and 1600. It will be a longer car. with four doors and a couventional boot instead of a tailgate, and there is also likely to be an

Reflecting the fortunes of the company as a whole, the Talbot Solara has sold disappointingly and rather beneath its deserts. It is attractively styled, rides well and is sparing on fuel. Foreign makes have been making a determined effort to break into this sector with one or two, such as the Renault 18, having modest success.



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New names on the way to tempt executives

between two and three littes dards of trim and equipment; the range.

capacity, we are talking less and, as on all Fords.

General Motors is doing well about fleets and more about purchases for and by directors, managers and professional people Individual choice is a bigger factor than it is lower down the market and the "buy British" requirement is often

As a result almost any executive model is a potential company car and the competition is therefore greater than anywhere else. While in the medium sector the Sierra and Cavalier have effectively carved up the market between them. there are up to a dozen strong contenders for executive sales.

The three leaders are the Ford Granada, the Rover and the big Volvos. All three, as it happens, are at the veteran stage, and it is no secret that a Granada replacement, code-named Scorpio, is coming out later in the year. And in 1985 BL will be launching its new

executive car, the product of the XX project with Honda
The Granada, meanwhile, is a car that has benefited from a series of improvements over the years, notably in the areas of suspension and refinement: the

In the executive car sector, top of the range Ghia models or turbodiesel engines, is a roughly defined as vehicles of can boast almost luxury stan-

The Rover has had a chequered history, voted Car of the Year when it first appeared but badly let down by mechanical and quality problems. Nor did Rover traditionalists take to its striking shape and hatchback body. But the range has been steadily broadened and im-proved and now runs from an economical two litre to a turbo

diesel and the high performance

Volvo has maintained a strong challenge in the British executive market despite models that are hardly pretty to look at and, in the case of the 240 series, go back to the late 1960s. But they are valued by British motorists for their durability. The bizarrely styled 760, available with either petrol 20 and 30 models.

in this sector with the Carlton, while its Opel Senator is a car of almost Mercedes quality. Mercedes itself now has two entrants, the "compact" 200 range, and the recently intro-duced and smaller 190. Another distinguished contender from Germany is the Audi 100, with its low-drag shape and unusual

five cylinder engine.
Saab, like Volvo, carries on with a basically old design that scores on durability, while there is much new technology in the BMW 3 and 5 series. French models in this part of the market include the ageing but still stylish Citroen CX, the refined 505 and 604 from Peugeot and the brand-new Renault 25, which replaces the



The Volvo: a strong challenge in the executive market

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engine size (cc)	2,792	2,597	2,968	2,849	2,144
consumption (mpg): urban 56 mph 75 mph	19.0 37.7 28.0	19.0 40.9 31.1	18.6 31.1 24.5	17.9 32.1 25.0	22.6 44.1 36.7
front wing	278.46	£82.50	£51.50	267.43	£77.62
clutch unit	£94.20	285.50	285.05	•	£117.36
major service	2hrs 48mins	2hrs 30mins	1hr 12mins	3hrs 6mins	1hr 36mins
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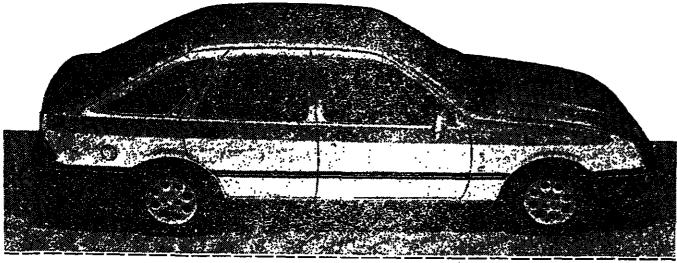
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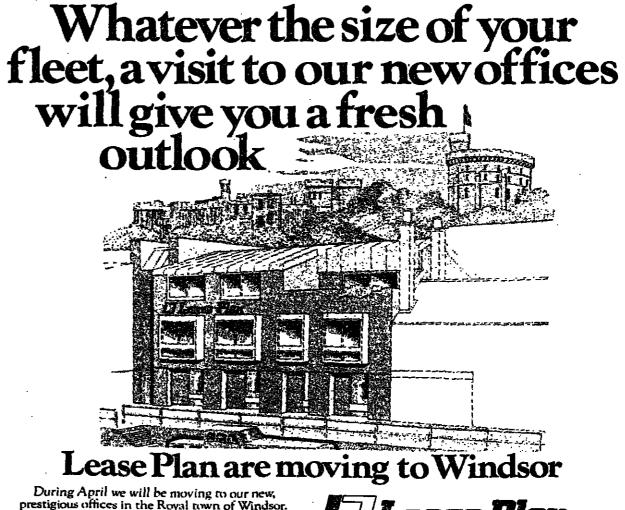
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Without being quite as robu

as the Mercedes or as refined as the Jaguar, the big BMW models, the 7 series saloons and

the 6 series coupés, have sold consistently well in Britain and offer comfort, lively perform-

ance and excellent handling.

They also boast several advanced technical features, such

as the impressive anti-lock braking system (ABS) which is standard on the top models.

good omen.

Paying the price of sheer luxury

main luxury car manufacturers could hardly be more different than they were barely five years ago. At that time Rolls-Royce, having come through the energy crisis almost unscathed, was enjoying record sales; while Jaguar was losing money heavily and its very existence

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was in doubt. Today Rolls-Royce is still trying to recover from the disastrous year of 1982 when sales fell by one quarter and the company called for large redundancies at the Crewe factory. It can no longer count, as it could throughout the 1970s, an being immune from the harsh realities of the economy in general and the car market in particular.

By any logical standard, the Rolls-Royce is a thoroughly anachronistic car, absurdly large for crowded city streets and one of the worst models in the world for fuel consumption. For a long time these things hardly mattered: the car had a unique reputation for quality and there was nothing else quite

The current saloon, the Silver made absolutely no concessions to the economic climate, being actually bigger, and only slightly less thirsty, than the Silver Shadow it replaced. In retrospect this may have been a mistake and there is evidence that some company chairmen feel that at a time of high unemployment it is no longer socially acceptable to ride in such ostentatious trans-

They may also be deciding luxurious it certainly is.

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engine size (cc) consumption (mpg):	6,750	4,973	5,343	3,430
urban	12.0	18.6	15.0	17.7
56 mph	18.1	31.0	26.8	35.8
75 mph	16.1	24.8	21.5	28.8
front wing	£473.79	288.45	£169.00	£119.16
clutch unit	•	•	•	•
major service	12hrs 50mins	5hrs 25mins	5hrs 50mins	3hrs 25mins



The Jaguar, a new generation of cars

that there that there is an adequate alternative in the S class Mercedes, a car that matches the Rolls on engineering and finish and sells at half the price. Mercedes launched the current model as an exercise in "making the big car respectable", especially in fuel economy; since then there have been further dramatic improvements in that area. Superbly built and discreetly styled, the S class does not parade its luxury; but

The remarkable turn around in Jaguar's sales has been largely due to a determined attack on those areas like productivity, quality and re-liability that had so let it down in the past. In 1981 the company made only 14,000 cars with 10,000 workers; this year's likely total is 32,000 cars with 8,200 workers. Eren through the bad times

there was never any question that the cars, as cars, especially in their 12 cylinder versions.

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In recent years, the diesel- with the rest of Europe, Today engined car has lost its image of derv is about 1.64p per gallon gimmickry and won a respect- against 180p for four-star petrol. able place in British market, thanks largely to rapid strides in technology and better avail-

Today's diesel cars are clean, quiet, smooth and easy to start from the main service area so and provide a pleasant surprise for those who still harbour the more easily, and are likely to be out-of-date suspicion that driv- open to the elements. Derv is

Diesel cars are now on offer in Britain in various shapes and sizes. Motor magazine lists 42 of which almost half are produced by Ford and Peugeot, each of them now offering nine diesel

models.
Fourteen manufacturers now market diesel engined versions of popular models on the British market, but despite significant sales increases the

In the company car sector, it is clearly not a major winner and is unlikely ever to achieve the penertration won by diesels in the rest of land-locked Europe, where taxi demand, for

example, is much higher. The Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders predicted. rightly, that demand for diesels would rise in line with availability. The increase in the number of models equipped with a diesel engine had proved

In 1980 diesel cars accounted for 0.4 per cent of total new car sales. Last year the proportion was 1.37 per cent. Between 1982 and 1983 diesel-car sales almost doubled to 24.600 and, it would appear, won for themselves a growing and permanent

But the volume of diesel car sales remains low in relation to other European markets. In 1982. Britain's figure of 14,530 sel car sales compared with 178 in West Germany, 221,309 in France, 293,000 in haly and 37,203 in the Nether-

One reason for Britain's comparitive lack of interest in diesels is geographical. In an island nation the sales rep's car is unlikely to cover the huge distances - well over 20.000 miles a year - that are necessary before the diesel becomes an economic alternative to the

cheaper petrol engine. Secondly, the differential in the price of dery and petrol has only been established in Britain in recent years and has been notoriously small compared

Once off the main highways in Britain, drivers will have difficulty locating a garage selling dery; self-service stations often site the dery pump away that lorries can manoeuvre ing one on equivalent to sitting also a smelly, dirty fuel; in the cab of a noisy and smelly splashed shoes probably are

ruined. Tax on derv is now 47 per cent of the retail price in the UK, compared with 53 per cent for petrol. in Italy, the tax differential is a huge 41 per cent in favour of derv, which attracts only 17 per cent tax on the selling price. In France, the gap is 10 per cent but in West Germany, the differential is

the smallest, just three per cent. Last year, Ford completed a £100m investment to re-equit its engine plant at Dagenham in casi London to manufacture its first diesel engine for cars. The plan is to supply engines to the entire Ford of Europe empire. Potential capacity is 400,000

The Dagenham operation compliments the company's petrol engine factory at Bridgend in Wales and means that most of Ford's power units for its European cars are British-

About £40m has been spent developing Ford's new 1.6 litre diesel which this spring will be fitted to the Fiesta, Orion and Escort, the latter two being contenders at the bottom end of the fleet market.

The engine is a direct competitor to the 1.6 litre Vauxball unit which is proving so successful in the Cavalier and Astra.

The Fiesta diesel, which the company claims will be the most economical car in Europe. will return 74.3 mpg at 56 mph while the figure for the success ful Japanese diesel mini, the Daihatsu Charade, is 78.47

As a result of the increased activity in diesel cars there are forecasters who now believe that by the end of this decade. 10 per cent of all cars produced will be diesel. However, with strenuous efforts being made to improve even further the efficiency of the petrol engine such predictions must be viewed with more than a little circumspection.

Edward Townsend

The new model to come

Continued from page 21 and they have been buying it in

increasing numbers ever since. But even that remarkable start is nothing compared with the spin-offs. Čavalier drew the attention of fleet buyers to the rest of Vauxhall's rejuvenated range of models and Astra in

particular. "At the lower end we are giving full support to Nova which is now coming into freer supply and in the bigger car market the Carlton is a success story and a half with sales up from 4,000 in 1982 to 20,000 last year. It is a very fully equipped de luxe saloon which comes in below the 1800cc income tax ceiling and that makes it a very attractive package"

Ford is acutely aware of the increased competition already in the field and the extra pressure that will be created by LM II. "As the market leader for a long time we appreciate more than anyone else that our competitors can only make progress at our expense and there is no way we are going to take that lying down. We shall

increase our efforts even further" was how a company spokesman summed it up.

Commenting on latest trends in the fleet and business car sector. Tony Semper. Ford's fleet development manager, said: "The true cost of running a fleet of company cars is more apparent than ever now because inflation has been reduced so significantly. As a consequence the growth of specialist fleet management companies has slowed up. They are still widely used however for their leasing expertise by the middle sized companies who do not have the resources to support their own in-house fleet administration

On the choice of cars he said the medium or C/D sector was shrinking and been doing so for the past three years. Downsizing to smaller, less expensive cars was a contributory factor as companies were forced to reduce transport costs. Another important influence was the personal income tax penalty applying to bigger cars.

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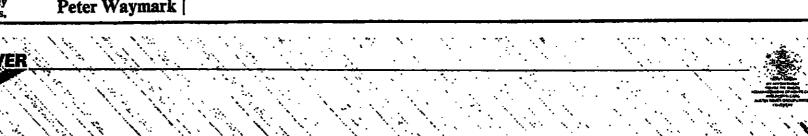
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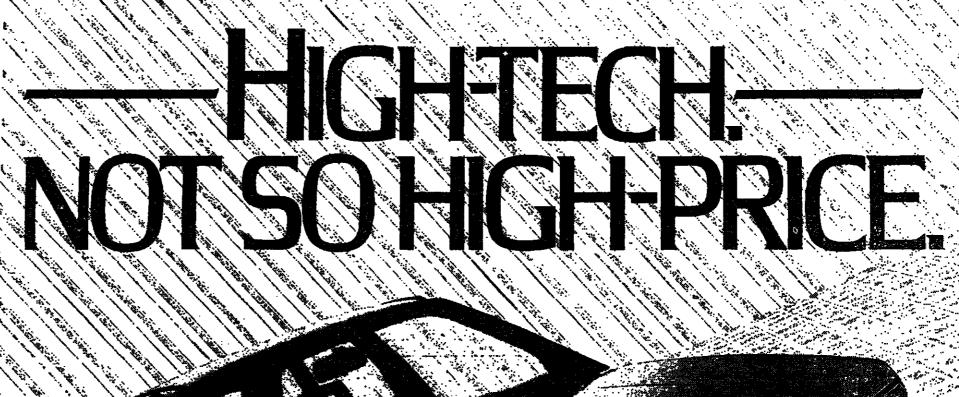
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Once it was patriotic to Buy British, now ...

Foreign comes into the open

The dividing line between a cally minded the fact remains series BMW's to replace a British car and an imported that some cars have a more mixed Ford and Vauxhall fleet. make was once very obvious. emotional appeal to drivers Today it is so blurred that than others and these include a companies who only a few years number of Continental marago felt it their patriotic duty to ques. The appeal of Mercedes Buy British can now salve their and BMW to senior executives may or may not have been built in British factories.

casily have come from Germany, Spain and Belgium. Even budget conscious middle manthose assembled in Britain contain a large number of foreign parts such as the Australian engines fitted to all Vauxhall Cavaliers

This blurring of the dividing line has persuaded an increasing number of companies that they attempt by Mercedes to break will no longer invite public into a sector of the market censorship if they go the whole where the taxi image of the hog and buy a car that is bigger 200 makes it unacceptinstantly recognisable as a able. foreigner. A barometer of the increasing acceptability imported cars is the fact they £7,000 to £8,000 bracket which can now be seen in the car parks of Midland based component manufacturers who once ban- and Vauxhalls. This was re-

conscience by opting for Fords, is long established in this Vauxhalls or Talbots which market. What is comparatively new, however, is the way the two German makes In fact they could just as extended their range down

The new "small" Mercedes 190 costs around £10,000 and is no cheaper than the bigger bodied Mercedes 200. But again it is a question of perceived image. The smaller 190 is a bold

BMW goes even further down market with cars in the offers a very attractive alterna-tive to mass produced Fords ished them to surrounding streets.

However distastful it may

Swiss company Waxoyl, or a surrounding configuration of 3. However distastful it may Swiss company Waxoyl, or-seem to the more nationalisti- dered £250,000 worth of 3-

Even the company's sales reps will now use a BMW.

But is is not only the established names in the Continental executive car business who have set their stall our in the British company car market Even such unlikely names as Alfa Romeo, the state owned Italian group more usually associated with fast sports saloons, is now making a determined effort to attact company business. -

A few months ago it flew a plane load of fleet buyers to Naples to try to persuade them that its much troubled Pomigliano plant has turned over a new leaf and is now producing the new Alfa 33 which is reliable enough to join company fleets. Alfa has always had an extremely marketable name but in recent years it has been marred more than its share of rust and reliability problems. However the latest offerings from plant in the shadow of Vesuvius have shown considerable improvement.

Another famous Italian name in a similar position is Lancia.

reliability problems and image has not been helped by becoming part of the huge Flag-empire. However last Apar Lancia sales in Britain were separated from Fist Auto (UK), and taken over by Lancar, and newly exerted subsidially till Gerald Ronson's Heron Cor-

Under managing director John Turner Lancar made the courageous decision to face up to Lancia's damaged reputation and not try to sweep it under

This approach almost certainly accounts for the slow start. Lancar sales director Mike Carida says they will probably sell about 1,500 cars less than Fiat in their first full year bot is planning a substantial improve-ment this year which would nearly double sales to around The Japanese have made

little progress in the fleet and company car sector but the fact remains that they have not really tried. At least not quite recently when for the first time since it was introduced the so called voluntary ceiling of around 11 per cent of the market was only reached with the aid of some pretty fierce discounting. Faced with the need for a hard sell approach the Japanese are changing their tactics and adopting more aggressive sales techniques to win business with floet oper-

Alan Marsh, sales and mar-keting director of Toyota GB, believes the way-in is on the back of a financial package offering very favourable con-tract hire and leasing pro-grammes - a method finding increasing favour with all the

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Tony Semper, Ford's fleet development manager, with the Sierra (left) and the Escort

car firms and dealt with in more detail in another article. In the main the importers are

ooking to the small fleet operators for new business because among other things it is casier to dispose of a relatively small number of used fleet cars through your own dealer netn several hundred in a single batch. The trade has traditionally preferred to dis-pose of 50 Fords or Vauxhalls than say Renaults or Peugeots although neither of the American makes may have been produced in British factories.

There is also the question of

replacement parts and those of the British based car firms but are still reckoned to be more expensive on the average. However these extra maintenance costs are being offset in some cases by extremely competitive deals on the cars make exceptions for rental themselves.

spare parts prices. The im-porters have made big efforts in

recent years to reduce the gap

between the cost of their

Some importers who want to protect their executive car image choose to make a distinction between fleet and

company car business. Mer cedes Benz and Volvo are good examples. Both are very conscious of the need to protect Mercedes and Volvo used car prices would take a plunge if the trade had to cope with the large numbers released periodically by fleet replacement pro-

companies such as Avis who give their models exposure to

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The big financial question:

Is it really best to buy? In the early 1970s almost all American market about 70 percent of fleet business is conduc-

fleet and company car deals: involved outright Since then however changes in moome tax and the need to sonserve capital have seen a tremendous growth in leasing, contract hire and fleet manage-

Despite this change which ias spawned a whole new service industry, the majority of company cars are still bought outright. Some suppliers, especially retail dealers, disoutright. Some courage leasing contracts and many fleet operators prefer the freedom to take advantage of the flood of cut price offers coming their way at the

Another deciding factor is the evel of interest rates. It has been a long time since capital borrowing was cheap but it is nice to think that if the good times return you are free to take idvantage and not tied into

ong term contracts. There are also a number of prejudices against leasing countracts by transport managers. The simplest form or tracts who feel that their role in the sees the leasing company buying company structure is being the car and being paid a monthly rental. But the more more monthly rental but the more threatened by an outside organ-isation professing to do the work better than them. But the fact remains that in the very fact remains that in the very lower reatal payments plus a sophisticated and competitive final or "halloon" payment to

ted in the form of leasing contracts.

It seems that long ago our American cousins realised that the motor trade is a risk business and decided that additional long term costs were worth accepting to underwrite this risk.

The chief executive of one of the largest contract hire company's told me: "More and more companies are seeing their motoring as fixed costs and using their variables to generate revenue and profit"

The whole cost of leasing up to £8,000 a car, is tax allowab This contrasts with restricted allowances for outright pur-chase; 25 per cent of the purchase price in the first year and 25 per cent of the written down value in subsequent years. The maximum allowance in this way is only £2,000 and that makes the purchase of the chairman's Mercedes or Jag an-

"balloon lease" which involves

between the actual second hand value of the car and the original estimate

This involves the lessee in some risk which is entirely avoided by contract hire but as you would expect is more expensive. The rent is calculated on the basis of estimate mileage over the hire period and there is usually a "get out clause" which permits the hire company to make an additional charge at the end if the vehicle is returned with more miles on the clock or in a very poor

But this method lends itself to a complete package deal which can cover insurance, road tax and even the provision of replacements. In this way it permits firms to budget more tightly and even cut down on transport staffing.

The fleet management contract is the ultimate way of handing over administration to a specialist while retaining tight tracts lays claim to being the market leader in company car leasing, contract hire and fleet operating fleet valued at £75m serving 500 industrial and

commercial customers.

Interleasing Birmingham, Interleasing Birmingham, the Hanger Motors company, is probably the biggest in the contract hire business with 12,000 vehicles. Another off-shoot of a Birmingham based motor group is Autolease, the BSG company. Herondrive London, part of

Gerald Ronson's empire and run by Jean Denton, one of the brightest executives in a very tough and hitherto "Male Only" business, says: "Com-panies must either be prepared to employ experienced car managers and support them or they must rely on outside services. It is this simple choice, combined with the ever growing population of company cars that has encouraged the emerg-ence of a range of specialist services that could save British industry a significant pro-portion of the huge sums it spends on cars today.

Jock Carrie, chairman of Godfrey Davis (Contract Hire), Godfrey Davis (Contract Hire), forecasts that contract hire business will grow by 15 percent this year and that his own group will comfortable exceed that. He admits his company is "not the cheapest in the market" but insists that this is more than compressed for is more than compensated for by first rate service and back-

PHH Fleet Management Services of Swindon lays claim to being the fastest growing fleet management company in the UK. In addition to the normal services it also offers two additional ones. The PHH Fleetcard and All Star Fuel Card. The former is a nationally operated charge card for repairs, servicing and maintenance work while the latter gives a similar service for fuel needs. Last summer Austin Rover

decided to go into the contract hire, business with its own company British Car Contracts. The plan was to exploit the smaller fleets with up to 25 cars. But when the bigger fleets started taking an interest it became apparent that the state owned car firm was offering very competitive terms. More than 600 contracts had been signed before the end of the year and as BBC's scheme is still only a pilot operation through 60 of Austin Rover's 1,400 dealers, that is a very impressive start indeed.

In-car phones, at a price

number, perhaps more import-ant than their name, with which it will be possible to contact them anywhere in the world." according to Dave Halliday of Motorola, Such an Orwellian possibility will actually start

becoming reality in 1985. Cellular Radio is technology which will portable telephones, and hence their owners numbers, more accessible. But starting next March, first London Birmingham and Manchester and finally the motorways connecting them will be the frontiers of this new world.

Mr Halliday, manager Cellular Radio operations for Motorola, explained how that symbol of executive luxury, the car telephone, will remain at about the same price as today for the first few years." In other words, about the same £2.500 for a mobile handset alone with another £500 each year to work on the present British Telecom System 4 radiophone network.

The leading car phone suppliers hope that the two Cellular Radio services will attract so many new customers that they can make standard units in volume, allowing prices to tumble and their functionality to grow in much the same way as the personal microcomputer market.

Only recent advances in fast. computerized together with radio phones that can be rapidly re-tuned by a computer have allowed the old idea of "cellular" radio, and both practical and, perhaps one day affordable.

Both of the British networks will be based on the same Advanced Mobile Phone System (sold as AMPS) invented by AT&T's Bell Laboratories. both to and from a mobile radio phone over the Public Switched Telephone Network (or PSTN)

will be possible. Typically, when the user keys in a number from the mobile radio phone he or she is assigned a voice channel by the nearest "cell" base station. The link might then be routed on through the PSTN or back out across the Cellular Radio network to another mobile

radio phone. The leading suppliers believe that car phones will be most popular, since it is expected to be a business communications system to what one supplier office". Models are already on the market which combine voice with digitized text and data which can be displayed on an in-car screen - at several thousand pounds the price might still be considered prohibitive to equip the travelling

salesman. Perhaps the ultimate in-car communications system was demonstrated as part of World Communications Year, during 1983. Dubbed the "Communi-car", a Rover Maestro Vanden Plas was kitted out with a BT Emerald Radio phone for direct dial-up, a CB Radio and microcomputer player on the dashboard.

An argument is now brewing over the kind of standards that will be enforced on the wide range of existing equipment on sale in the car phone market and just how much is actually known about the useful oper ation of this latest technology.

And to confuse matters, the radio phone standard for Britain, called the Total Access Communication System (or TACS), is subtly different from the both of the AMPS-type systems which will be installed by the BT-Securicor joint venture and Racal Millicom. The TACS standard is a compromise that attempts to include all desirable facilities.

At issue are the so-called "air interface" standards needed for the inter-working of different radio phones within either of the TACS Cellular Radio networks - these are being set by the consortia themselves. overseen by the Department of

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Plus another for repairs if the car was out of guarantee. Then came such inescapable costs as: insurance, servicing, new tyres and batteries.

Next, after a couple of years of this, came the unwelcome realisation that hard-driven, high-mileage cars would have a poor residual value. And the company actually had to fork out cash to meet the finance house's settlement figure.

team, there has to be a better way.

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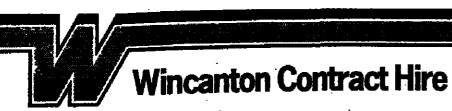
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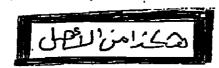
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The Bank's

new role

The Bank of England "will not allow foreign firms to throw their balance sheets at the

London market", according to its key executive director. In a

rare on-the-record interview, Mr

David Walker - the man

responsible for overseeing change

in the British securities market

- talks about the Bank's

attitude to the market and the

role it will play in nursemaiding

the development of the new

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Executive Editor Kenneth Fleet

Financial services in the Budget firing line

awful truth: a "neutral" Budget need not be boring. Quite the reverse: as we have argued in this column for some weeks, the Chancellor is likely to establish his radical credentials by matching a "savers" package of tax cuts with tax increases designed to level down the tax treatment change, in the tax treatment of bank of financial institutions. This exercise can - and should be - largely self-financing. A quite separate theme of the Budget promises to be a further switch of the taxing emphasis from income to expendi-

To start with Mr Nigel Lawson's duce a Budget which neither increases nor lowers the net burden of taxation. This is what he means by "neutrality". Since the revenue numbers are looking rather better than they did in the autumn, such a Budget implies a lower public sector borrowing requirement, a tighter medium term financial strategy and, with luck, a cut in interest rates on March 13. Within this framework, there will be quite dramatic swings in taxation.

Mr Lawson has his priorities. The Chancellor - and the Prime Minister, with whom he has been spending most of his pre-Budget days - is keen to raise the real level of income tax allowances. To raise these significantly above the rate of inflation would cost him about £1,000m. This can be financed by increases in spending taxes. There is a maximum of £1.8 billion to be raised from advancing VAT on imports - or £900m if the Chancellor chooses to exempt raw materials. He can raise up to £500m by increasing duties on beer and cider, following EEC requests, to bring them into line with taxes on wine.

The real interest of this Budget would then lie in the Chancellor's treatment of savers and financial institutions. In order to placate his own backbenchers there must be not only a cut in the investment income surcharge, or its abolition (which is still pretty cheap), but also a substantial cut in capital taxation. The right wing of the Conservative party is increasingly disgruntled about the Government's inability to reduce public expenditure, and the natural way for Mrs Thatcher to sweeten her disappointed followers is to make real cuts on Capital Gains Tax and Capital Transfer Tax. There is a strong expectation that stamp duty will be cut. On shares, it is a disincentive to personal savings through the equity market, on houses, it is an impediment to mobility.

The City has finally woken up to an "savers package", where is he training his tax telescope? One must exclude, at this. point, all pro-Budget henefits" (for example his extra £100m from the building societies) since these would beused to lower the overall PSBR. We have however had warning of one post-Budget interest which could yield in time, £100m. or more. Much more, however, is needed. The banks are still in the firing line. In his previous incarnation as a treasury minister, Mr. Lawso in was the strongest-proponent of Sir Geoffrey Howe's levy on bank profits. He doesn't seem to have expressed intentions: these are to intro- softened his general attitude though he'

may be against another one-off impost.
It is the other financial institutions. notably the insurance companies; that should be most alert. The Treasury is clearly planning an extension of the tax-system that will include not only banks but all other institutions selling financial services. The insurance companies are obviously the most vulnerable. Abolition of tax relief on life assurance premiums alone would yield the Chancellor up to

The Chancellor is unlikely to change corporate taxes in a way which would increase industry's tax burden. Although the Confederation of British Industry is unlikely to be granted its expensive wish of a final abolition of the national insurance surcharge, the Chancellor would not want to raise industrial taxation at a time of fragile economic recovery. There are now unjustifiable distortions in the tax. treatment of capital allowance and stock relief. If the Chancellor reduced these, he would want to offer a cut in corporation tax as a quid-pro-quo.

Mr Lawson is not a man for one hundred and one small business schemes (though he will have to sort out a few of those left behind by Sir Geoffrey Howe). He is out to make a mark by ironing out the distortions in the tax system, and by evening out the choices for personal savers. However smooth that sounds in theory, it is going to create a hornet's nest in practice. We may not like the tax system as it now exists but it has evolved over many years.

However radical it may seem, a deep cut here, a vigorous thrust there, could cause apalling administrative havoc for the financial services industry and distress and unfairness for many of their customers. As the balance of the economy tilts from manufacturing to services, so should taxation. A Green Paper, more Supposing that Mr Lawson needed to considered action and decent notice would find up to £1 billion to finance such a be a small price to pay for getting it right.

A right Royal road

posite insurers, yesterday gave a muchneeded fillip to a sector reeling from a dismal statement on its US businesses by Commercial Union this week. The immediate reason for celebration was the news that Royal's net worth had increased by 76 per cent £1,422 billion over the past two years, as a result of increased investment returns and increasing stockmarket prices. Royal's shares were marked up by 20p to 523p. A one-for-four scrip issue to reflect the increase in reserves is icing on the cake.

Stockmarket sentiment was also helped by Royal's promise to lead the way by including a valuation of its fast-growing life business in the next set of accounts to

Royal Insurance Britain's leading com- be printed next month. Mr John Howard Royal's chief general manager, indicated that the valuation would take into account the fact that 1983 was a freak year for life funds because of the windfall increase in business stemming from the introduction of the MIRAS mortgage interest relief at source, method of making mortgage

payments. He also suggested that there would be time to take into account the detrimental effect of any Budget proposal to scrap tax relief on life premiums.

Royal's commendable initiatives to reward shareholders and put a value on its life business reflects unease among the composites about their vulnerability to a

NEWS IN BRIEF

Sterling slips 1.3 cents

The pound slipped yesterday, but this was seen on the foreign exchange markets as simply a hiccup in the fundamental new trend of dollar weakness. In a day of profit-taking, sterling actually lost 1.3 cents of its recent rise to close in London at

As the latest beneficiary of scepticism over the dollar in the face of a clear reference by Mr Martin Feldstein, the US President's chief economic adviser, and statements by Mr Paul Volcker, the head of the US Federal Reserve; the pound also experienced some profittaking correction against continental currencies, particularly the more obviously undervalued Deutsche mark.

As a whole, sterling's tradeweighted average lost 0.4 to

• Company liquidity fell back in the final quarter of last year after the sharp rise in the third quarter but remains at its highest levels for five years. according to the latest survey of 240 large companies by the Trade and Industry Depart-

 Leicester-based United Shoe Machinery, the world's largest shoe machinery and footwear materials plant, has won an order worth £2.7m; to equip and start up a shoe factory in Lima, Peru.

• American Airlines has announced the purchase of 67 McDonnell Douglas MD-80 jetliners with options for an additional 100. It is the largest single order in the history of commercial aviation.

More funds for Africa sought by World Bank

From Bailey Morris, Washington

teriorating conditions in Africa, The World Bank has started negotiations with the European Community and Japan to see if they wuld be prepared to increase their development aid contributions in the next year. Senior bank officials said the talks were preliminary and no figures had been discussed, but the aim was to make up a serious shortfall in funds caused by the US insistence on limiting funding for the bank's International Development Agency

to \$9 billion a year. Mr Ernest Stern, senior vice-president for operations, said: decade."

In response to sharply de- "The EEC countries are interested because of the impact on Africa. We have held talks, which are in the early stages, to explore the conditions under

which countries might be willing to contribute more."

Bank officials want to negotiate a supplemental funding package which would raise the IDA's resources from \$9 billion to the original \$12 billion level, supported by almost all of the bank's donor pations

Mr Stern added: "Developments in subsahara Africa are very depressing and appear dismal for the rest of the

BP to create 7,000 jobs with £1.3bn N Sea investment

Bechtel, the American con- has been to it, particularly in

trated its efforts on agreeing the unfinished rig, which BP

political circles."

record profits in two weeks' the gas finds being reassessed. time, is to go ahead with a massive investment in the southern North Sea worth £1.3 billion, creating 7,000 new jobs in Britain's offshore oil indus-

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The four new fields to be developed will produce natural gas for the British Gas Corporation and a new terminal to handle the supplies will be built on the north banks of the Humber. Contracts for sale of the gas are still being negotiated.

BP's board of directors, which is headed by Sir Peter Walters, yesterday approved the investment and talks will start soon with the Department of Energy for development approval to be granted for the

fields.

BP has known about the large gas fields in blocks it holds licences on for some years, but new drilling and appraisal work by its engineers over the past 18 invited from all off-shore

struction company, is expected

today to drop out of the bidding for the Scott Lithgow shipyard.

The company has been competing with Trafalgar House and Howard Doris, the

Anglo-French rig builders, in the race to try to buy the Clydeside yard from British Shipbuilders, It has concen-

terms with Britoil about how it

would complete the oil com-pany's unfinished rig, which is acknowledged on all sides as

being critical to the chances of

the yard being saved from

A spokesman for Bechtel said

last night: "We have put our

we have got to decide now is

whether we pursue our plan, knowing what resistance there

Threatened

Gulf looks

for merger

From Nick Gilbert

New York

The bidding for Gulf is reaching new heights as the major US oil group desperately

seeks a merger to outilank T

Boone Pickens Jr, the Texas oil

man who has been stalking Gulf

for several months.

of, \$69.5 a share.

proposals in to Britoil but what

which will announce months has led to the scale of The gas found by BP is estimated to be over 2.5 trillion (million-million) cubic feet, the equivalent to 450 million barrels of oil in energy terms, and will first come ashore in 1987. Supplies to the national gas network could be flowing fully by the early 1990s. Because of the shallow water

that the four fields are in, investment in offshore platforms will be less than for the oil fields in the northern sector of the North Sea. Neverthe less BP estimates that as many as seven platforms will be needed to operate in depths of between 100 and 150

feet. These will in total involve an investment about equal to BP's massive Magnus platform, which was built in deep and hostile conditions and cost about £1.3 billion. Tenders for the work will be

Bechtel likely to drop yard bid

Bechtel acknowledged that

Trafalgar House was still in the lead with its bid for the yard,

and had offered more favour-

able terms to British Ship-

builders. Bechtel is only inter-

ested in completing the Britoil rig, whereas Trafalgar House

has said it would also take on

cancelled this week and a naval

vessel on Scott Lithgow's books.
Bechtel said that Trafalgar

House had also agreed to take over some of Scott Lithgow's

debts, and would be retaining a

greater number of the wor-kforce. "Their bid is more far-

reaching than the one we are in a position to make", the

spokesman said. "On the other



announce record profits

The four fields will be named

industry suppliers, but BP will inevitably follow its policy of placing as much as it can in Britain. The offshore industry is likely to benefit from orders worth over 80 per cent of the total cost.

Cleeton, Ravenspurn, Hyde and Hoten after four Yorkshire

whole deal, and we have concentrated on making pro-

Howard Doris is expected to

press forward today with its bid

in meetings with senior execu-

tives of British Shipbuilders.

The company has also had a meeting with BP about its

cancelled rig order, the first of

• Govan Shipbuilders on the Upper Clyde has won a £30m

order to build three large

colliers for the Central Elec-

The order for the 20,000 ton

vessels will be formally signed

in Glasgow today at a ceremony to be attended by Scottish Office ministers and Mr Gra-

posals that satisfy them".

the three bidders to do so.

tricity Generating Board.

through coastal crosion between

the 14th and 16th centuries. The BP arrangement to sell the gas to the British Gas Corporation is still to be completed and the price to be paid per therm's a closely guarded commercial secret. However, it will increase pressure on the Norwegian offshore industry who are trying to sell British Gas output from their massive Sleipner field at a price around 30p a therm.

The price to be paid will also affect negotiations now going on between British Gas and the Dutch Government over supplies from their natural gas reserves. The Department of Energy

has told British Gas to negotiate its contracts with all suppliers, but BP, with such large reserves ready to come on stream years before any Norwegian or Dutch gas is available, have forced the prospect of British Gas buying from abroad into the late 1990s.

Clearers

may face

shake-up

By Peter Wilson-Smith Banking Correspondent

bankers' clearing system has been set in train, and it could

lead to a shake-up of how it is

controlled and operated.

A wide-ranging review of the

The system, which has 10

member banks and handles the

millions of cheques and pay-ments passing through the banks every day, has long been dominated by the big London

clearing banks. It is owned by

the six members of the Com-mittee of London Clearing

Bankers with four other banks

including the Bank of England

However, Citibank, the big American bank, and Standard

Chartered both applied to

become members last year and

this, together with rapid techno-

logical developments, has pre-

civitated the need for a tho-

There has been criticism in

the past that the big banks deliberately made it difficult for

newcomers to join the system,

most recently from the National

Consumer Council. However,

the Bank of England has made

clear that it sees no reason why

bona fide newcomers should not

In one of its rare public

utterances, the Bank yesterday

operational level but a spokes-

as functional members.

rough review.

be allowed in.

CURRENCIES

LONDON CLOSE

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INTEREST RATES

Domestic rates: Bank base rates 9 Finance houses base rate 91/2 Discount market loans week fixed 91/8 - 9

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US rates Bank prime rate 11.00 Fed funds 911/16 Treasury long bond 9813/32 -

ECGD Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance Scheme Average reference rate for interest period January 4 to February 7, 1984 inclusive: 9.493 per cent.

GOLD

London fixed (per ounce): am \$395.25 pm \$392.75 close \$393-393.50 (£266 warmly welcomed the review. It will participate in the review at 266.50) New York (latest): \$392.75

Hopes remain of cut in mortgage rate

hand we have always regarded ham Day, British Shipbuilders Britoil as the lynchpin of the chairman.

the Building Societies Association meets today to discuss savings and mortgage rates ahead of next week's full council meeting. A final decision is certain to be delayed until the special council meeting on March 16, three days after

Cluff Oil

claims

bid victory

By William Kay City Editor

Mr J. G. "Algy" Cluff will

today claim victory in his hard-fought £16m battle for control

of Oil and Associated Invest-

By the deadline of 3pm yesterday, holders of more than 60 per cent of Oil and

Associated's shares had accepted the bid from the United

Securities Market-quoted Cluff Oil. Officially, no comment was being made, but champagne was

being uncorked at the City offices of Samuel Montagu,

The deal amounts to a

disguished rights issue for Cluff.

Mr Cluff has given himself little margin for error by making an offer valuing that portfolio at slightly more than

The £16m or so cash which

should be produced from the

sale will be used to explore the

leases which Cluff has won in the South China Sea.

The other obvious way of

raising the money - with a

rights issue of shares to his own

shareholders - was effectively debarred by the failure of such an exercise last year.

Cluff's merchant bank.

its stated asset value.

ment Trust.

the Budget. Mr Robert Anderson, chair-man of Atlantic Richfield and February savings receipts could exceed the £926m net former owner of *The Observer* newspaper, met James Lee, head of Gulf, in Pittsburgh this receipts in January, which was the second best month en week to discuss a bid rum to top \$13 billion. On Wall picking up, however, and some societies may find margins squeezed by the recent big tax Street, Gulf is currently valued at \$11.5 billion, based on a price

Standard Oil of California is interested, and the Kuwait Petroleum Corporation, which last year bought most of Gulf's downstream European oper-ations, is also thought to be taking a look.

Gulf, in its anxiety to stop Mr Pickens, is opening its books to interested parties, on condition they sign a non-disclosure agreement and agree to bid only if invited.

Mobil, the second largest oil company in the US, has reportedly refused these conditions, and after first saying it was interested only in certain Gulf assets, could step into the ring with a full bid.

The Gulf asking price is expected to sear to \$15 billion, dwarfing the \$10 billion Texaco paid for Getty Oil three weeks

ago.

If Arco merged with Gulf, a vast oil, gas, coal and chemical combine would be created with assets approaching \$30 billion and the merged company would become the top US petrol

But so far only Mr Pickens has a firm; though partial, offer on the table and time is running out for Gulf. Mr Pickens, aged 56, is the head of Mesa, which he formed

only 20 years ago with a group of dissident Gulf shareholders, he already controls 13 per cent of Gulf. The consortium is offering to spend a further \$878m on a tender offer for a further 8 per cent of Gulf at \$65 a share, which closes on March 21.

By Our City Staff

The chairman's committee of increase on gilts profits.

The imposition of the gifts tax will have widely different affects on societies. The Wool-wich said yesterday it would only add about £2m to its tax bill this year and some other societies may have avoided much immediate impact by unloading gilt holdings before the midnight deadline for the new tax.

However, providing there are record. Mortgage demand is no big shocks in the Budget, there is still a fair chance of some reduction in mortgage rates in April or May,

man said yesterday it would also be keeping a close eye on the wider public interest "to ensure there is fair and reasonensure there is fair and reason-able access for new members." \$92-93 (£62.25-



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Offer for Sale by Kleinwort, Benson Limited

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Powerline International pic is involved in the marketing, distribution and servicing of electronic power supplies, and its 50 per cent, owned associated company, Europower Limited, in their design and assembly Further particulars relating to Powerline International pic are available in the Extel Statistical Services.

The Offer for Sale (on the terms of which alone application will be considered), with application forms, is being published today. 2nd March, 1994, in the Financial Times. The application list will open at 10 a.m. on Thursday, the March, 1994 and will alone at much later time as Majorna Limited and closed.

8th March, 1984 and will close at such later time as Kleinwort, Benson Limited may decide.

Copies may also be obtained during normal business hours on any weekday (Saturdays excepted) up to and including 23rd March, 1984 from:

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Accepting houses and Big Four discuss Gower proposal

Banks unlikely to agree on self-regulation tion whose cost would doubtless

By Philip Robinson

The City's elite band of administering merchant banks which make up the Accepting Houses Committee (AHC) is now meeting the Big Four street clearing banks to see if they can be grouped as one for the purposes of self-regulation. But it is unlikely they will reach agree-

One self-regulatory group to cover the banks was suggested by Professor Laurence "Jim" Gower in his review of protection for the investors, which came out in January.

Publicly, the Merchant banks have not resisted being grouped with other banks, but the AHC points out that it has had few complaints of its investment activities and while customers

self-regulation

would be wasted. The AHC made forceful protests two years ago when the Council for the Securities Industry, now rapidly trying to become tha main force in selfregulation, tried to draw up a. City-wide code of conduct, governing the behaviour of investment and fund managers.

The banks said then that they had their own in-house rules for fund managers and these had proved more than adequate.

Mr Robin Hutton, director-

general of the AHC, said: "What we would like to see is one self-regulatory group which would include the merchant banks and all those competing for the same business: stockbrokers, insurance companies, are happy, money spent on unit trusts, and clearing banks.



But that may prove rather impractical." However, the merchant banks would not want to burden their customers with a large self regulatory organiza-

increase fees, he said. Should a wide-ranging selfregulatory agency not be poss-ible, the AGC would like to see an agency made up of just its own members.

In his report, Professor Gower said that he would like everyone who deals with investment of the public's money to be registered, either with a selfregulatory agency authorized by the Department of Trade and Industry or by the department

His solution would be to create four important selfregualtory agencies Reaction to his report must

reach the Department of Trade by April 30. The Council for the Securities Industry has already broadly welcomed his recommendations, but has yet to

Profits jump at office systems group

Consultants (Computer and Indicated Pope (Holdings): Consultants (Computer and Indicated Pope (Holdings): Indicated Pope (Holding resterday pleased the City with 17,950 (14,947). Pretax profit yearly profits up from £125,000 580 (480). Interim payment up to £495,000, on turnover nearly form 1.6p to 2p net a suare. £800,000 ahead at £2.1m. The Quadrex Securities: Quad-

Because the shares have become so heavy in the past year, they are to be subdivided from 10p par value to 5p, followed by a four-for-one scrip issue. This means that shareholders will have eight shares in the new form for every one held now, and the price will be slimmed down accordingly.

Mr Tim Simon, the chair-man, says that he is investigating new geographic areas, together with the possibility of selling software on a royalty basis through agents overseas. He adds: "The group can look forward to steady growth on a greatly increased product and client base." Another new area being explored is leasing.

In brief

• Powerline International for USM: Powerline International announces that 32 per cent of its issued ordinary share capital (3.44m shares) is being offered for sale by Kleinwort, Benson at 160p per share. Brokers to the issue are James Capel & Co. Application has been made for permission to deal in the capital in the Unlisted Securities Market. The application list will open at 10.00 am on March 8 and dealings are expected to

start on March 14. Powerline is the marketing. distribution and servicing of electronic supplies and its associate. Europower, in their design and assembly. Its technical sales force services more and distribution company based than 1,400 customers, no-one of which accounted for more than 6 per cent of turnover in 1983. Directors estimate that UK market for electronic power in Britain has been arranged by supplies is well in excess of £100m at 1983 values. The market is fragmented and not dominated by one supplier. The directors believe there is considerable potential for Powerline to increase both its sales and market share.

• Ratcliffs (Great Bridge): sition agreement provides for a Dividend for 1983 unchanged deferred consideration of at 1.75p net a share. Figures in £000. Group loss attributable

tax profit 4,920 (4,999). Total dividend up from 9p to 12p net

form 1.6p to 2p net a share.

final dividend is 4.2p, making a rex, the international invest-total of 6p against 3p last time. ment banking company based in London, reports retained earnings, after tax, of £1.3m for 1983. Net assets amounted to £5.3m, with fixed assets of £1.5m, and net current assets of £3.8m. Quadrex operates with £4m of share capital. The chairman said "we are very pleased with our accomplishemts during our first year of

> Polytechnic Marine: Halfyear to Nov 30, 1984. Board intends to recommend a divi-dent for the current year of 2p a share. Figures in £00. Turnover 1.916 (1.475). Pretax profit 425 (345). This is the company's first interim results since its placing on the USM. The current order book underlines that the present growth level appears to be sustainable, says the beard, though the elec-tronics industry is facing an increasing problem obtaining suitable supplies of quality

> components. ● EiB Loans: Water supply and sewerage schemes in South Yorkshire, Devon and Cornwall are being supported with the equivalent of £13.5m in two loans from the European In-

> vestment Bank.
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> Tavener Rutledge: No dividend for 1983 (same). Figures in £000. Pre and post-tax profit 112 (219 loss).

• Flogas has reached agreement, subject to contract, with Cawoods to acquire an offshoot, Portagas, an LPG marketing in Britain, for £1.2m. The ultimate holding of Portagas is Redland. The finance required by Flogas to fund its expansion Development Capital Corp. in conjunction with Investors In Industry Ireland.

• Albert Fisher: Relating to the Henry Long Transport & Northside Truck Centre, together with the fixed assets of Bradford Properties, the acqui-£457,686 to be satisfied on November 21, 1984. Fisher 126 (191) after all charges. board has agreed with the W. N. Sharpe: Year to Dec vendor. Ocean Transport & 31. 1983. Figures in £000. Trading to satisfy the deferred Turnover 17.506 (15.910). Preconsideration now for an agreed consideration now for an agreed sum of £431,000 by the issue to Ocean of 515,580

Sarah Hogg begins a series on the Bank of England by talking to one of its top men

The Old Lady plays

nursemaid

to a reborn City

Five new members took their seats at the Court of the Bank of England yesterday – completing a change of generations that has taken place in only two years. Since early 1982, the Bank has acquired a new Governor, economic adviser and three out of four of its executive direc-

The outside guard of nonexecutive directors has changed too. And "advisers' alley". where the elder statesmen of the Bank used to reside, is suddenly

almost empty. This new generation of Bank men faces a new set of issues: the upheaval in their ranks coincides with an upheaval in the Bank's surrounding territory. Since the Stock Exchange Bill freed the City from the paralysis induced by the case before the Restrictive Practices Court, all Britain's disparate financial institutions have been exercising their muscles - and eyeing the Bank.

The Bank, in turn, has been feeling its way towards a new relationship with the Depart-ment of Trade and Industry, suddenly a government department of almost greater importance in its life than the

Next week the new Govenor, Mr Robin Leigh-Pemberton, will make his most important speech yet - on the sensitive subject of "institutional liberalisation" in the City. Like all Governor's speeches, it will be the quintessence of opinion in the Bank. The most significant inputs will come from the two most prominent representatives of the new generation at the top of the Bank, Messrs Eddie George and David Walker.

Both Mr George and Mr Walker are executive directors, though only in their mid-40s. They reflect the Bank's particular and general concerns with institutional change. Mr George is ultimately responsible for the effective operation of the gilts market - where the Ban, with responsibility for government funding, is very definitely an interested party.

Mr Walker, in charge of "industry and finance", can take a more detached view. His prime concern is a healthy securities market, serving the interests of public and private borrowers and making a better living for Britain by recapturing its share of lost market. Recently he talked to me about the Bank's attutude to

change - and the role it was prepared to play in bringing those changes about. Mr Walker's summary of the Bank's interests is straightforward enough: "The Bank's prominent concerns in the

David Walker: in charge of industry and finance

the benefit of both borrowers and investors; to ensure that high standards are maintained and that the interest of investors and clients is satisfactorily protected; and that London markets and houses are competitive and secure a significant share of the rapidly expanding world securities

Anart from the much-debated issue of investor protection, the two key words there are "liquid" and "competitive". Liquidity in the gift-edged market is a prime interest of the Bank's, though Mr Walker puts in his word for the interests of industrial borrowers in a liquid market too.

It relates particularly to an issue that much interests the the Bank's attitude to foreign, in particular American, entry into the British markets as the Stock Exchange's rules change:

There is a natural ambivalence in the Bank's attitude to foreign entrants. On the one

to ensure that liquid markets attractive to the salesmen of government debt. On the other, there is a fear that if the big Americans came to dominate the gilts market and then went to sleep on the Government, the Bank would find itself in

> Mr Walker's view is sensibly conditioned by a desire to see British firms competing more energetically abroad: "We cannot compete effectively in international markets without allowing foreigners to become involved here. But we would not of course want to see foreign firms, which are immensely better capitalized than our own, throw their group balance sheets at the London market; that would be like inviting an

elephant to a tea party." So what's the answer? "Rules and understandings", says Mr Walker, "will be needed to deal with this and I am sure that foreign firms that come here will be keen to abide by them." Clearly, one of the rules this suggests would be some kind of separate capitalization for the London operations of the big change that is taking place are hand, the extra liquidity is Americans. Quite what other

satisfactorily evolve that allow American elephants access to the gilts party without upsetting the tea are not so clear.

But Mr Walker, from his position in the Bank, has a prime interest in reviving the British securities industry, not dealing with the Americans. There are", he believes, "three keys to London's greater success in the world securities market competence, capital and competitiveness. We have a large natural advantage in the time zone between New York and Tokyo: but achieving better competitiveness to enabe us to exploit this will require more nourishment of competence with capital."

While the Stock Exhange lay immobilized by legal action, the British securities industry lost ground it will be hard to recapture. With hindsight, many in the Bank now admit it should have fought harder to keep the Stock Exhange clear of the lawyers' delays involved in court action. As an example of how the industry has been losing business, the Bank has carried out a study of about 20 pension funds, showing that 95% of the outflow of capital that followed from the abolition of exchange controls was handled by non-British institutions. As markets were opened up, British firms were less and less able to compete.

So what changes would the Bank like to encourge to mourish competence with capirain. Here, naturally, Mr Wal-ker was cautious. The Bank has a good deal of diffidence about these matters and does not in any sense wish to produce a blueprint for change. was not the object to replace the fiat of Restrictive Practices Court by fiat of the authorities. The prime change has to come from within the securities industry itself and, while the Bank is ready and able to act as an agent for change or catalyst. this means an immediate degree of Bank involvement in these matters which is not likely to persist after the immediate "quantum jump" phrase has passed and a new steady state is

What, it seems the Bank would like to encourage is the formation of a strong British group of institutions capable of of competing in a more open British market, and abroad. But, though it is possible to see the chain of changes in Stock Exchange rules that would permit this, at the moment both

sides seem to be playing a

After the initial flurry of activity among outsiders, bag-ging good positions around the entry ports of the Stock Exchange, the spate of take-overs has slowed down to a trickle. Senior brokers have been asked into the Bank in order to canvass their views of the future shape of the City, but one gets the impression of a dialogue in which both sides are more anxious to find out what the other has to say than reveal their own opinions. At the moment, of course, the ball is in the Stock Exchange's court, until it has taken a preliminary series of decisions the next stage of the game cannot begin.

But if the British industry is to get itself in shape for that phase, it needs to get on with the job. There is talk of behindthe-scenes involvement by the Bank of a more purposive kind; aternatively, it is argued that the Bank will keep a hand on the brakes of change until it feels the industry has got its act together. (In the gilt-edged markets, it has also to be sure the Bank itself is ready for

The Bank has the delicate task of nursemaiding change without turning into a perma-nent governess - as many in the City suspect it may. But Mr Walker has experience in steering the Bank in and out of sensitive territory. During the ealy 1980s, he was the man who effectively ran the Government's industrial policy.

While the politicians stoutly mainatained it would offer no crutches to lame ducks, it encouraged the Bank of England to patch together several rescue operations. Now Mr Walker quotes this experience as an example of how the Bank can bcome engaged and then withdraw: "During the disagreeable years of industrial crisis, probiems involved so many banks that the Bank found it necessary to take a lead in sorting things out Now it is withdrawing. leaving the lead banks to run such multi-bank negotiations."

Sorting things out is a prime task for the Bank. But the end moment of this particular engagement is less easy to

Sir Kenneth named

APPOINTMENTS

as director Aitken Hume Holdings: Sir Kenneth Cork has become a

British Airports Inter-national: Mr Don Turner, planning director for the British Airports Authority, is now the chairman of BAL

Pressac Holdings: Mr Roger Boissier has become a director. BSR International: Mr Alex Wu has been made a non-executive director.

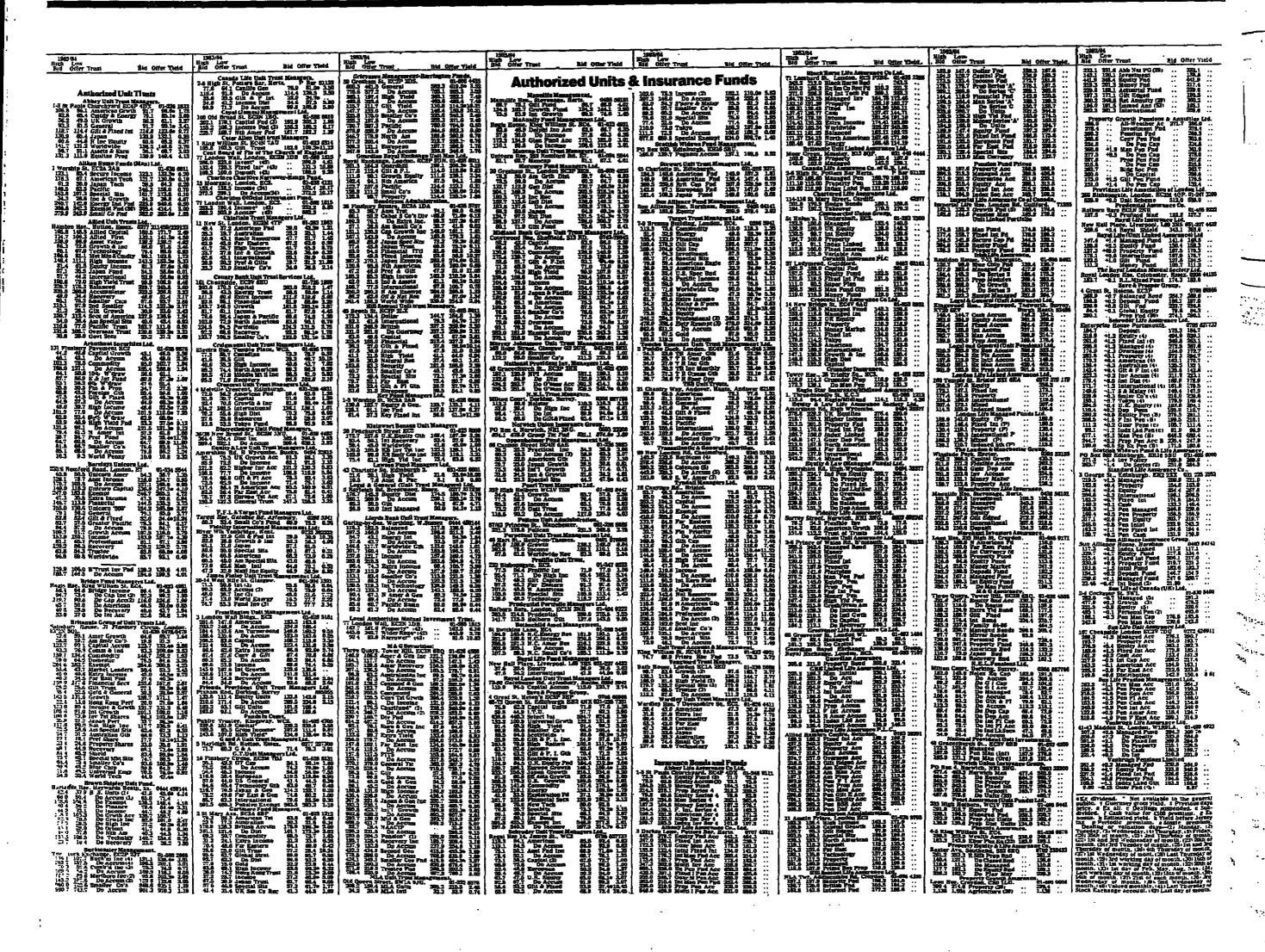
Desoutter Brothers (Holdings): Mr C. R. Desoutter is now marketing director of Desoutter Limited. Peruod Ricard International:

M Claude de Jouvencel, currently managing director of J. R. Parkington, is to return to Paris as Pernod Ricard Inter-national's vice-president for sales and marketing from September 1. M Michel Eberlin will take over as managing director of Parkington. He is currently sales manager for Europe and Northern America. M Jean-Louis Lepeltier is to expand his duties as financial director to become deputy managing director of Parking-ton as well.

Old Course Golf and Country

Club: Mr Paul Phillips has been appointed as executive director. to be responsible for the operation in St Andrews.

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Wall Street prices were mixed

Dow up in early trading With Wall Street already in active early trading. The nervous about the course of Dow Jones industrial average, interest rates, many investors were waiting for the Federal Reserve to report later in the day on the nation's money

investors were encouraged by last week's report of a smallerthan-expected \$300m (£201m) increase, but there was specuthat a levelling off process was lation about a \$3 billion increase in the latest reading.

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Dollar rates tended to be

MONEY MARKET

There was a more bullish feel about the market yesterday, rather quiet overall, although although there was no real one-year was notable for brief surface movement in the period

rates. The market opened a little nervously in view of the buge shortage, but gradually sentiment improved and buyers

began to show an interest. The main periods of activity in sterling CDs were those ranging from five to 10 months. Interbank, overnight money

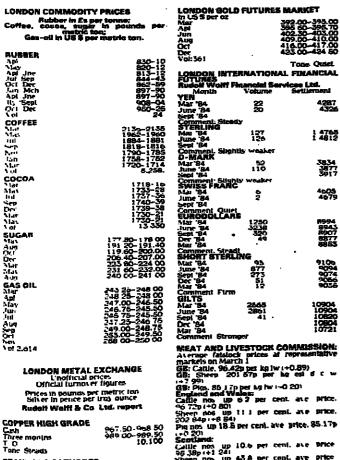
traded at about 9% per cent for the most part, although the rate slipped away to 7 per cent for

slightly harder if anything, behind an overnight rise in the "Fed" funds rate in New York. The Bank of England made a big effort to relieve the £800m

spells of activity.

shortage in the money market. An early round of offers was invited which resulted in the authorities purchasing £137m of bills outright across the four bands at established rates and 'arranging sale-and-repurchase agreements on £207m of bills to March 28 at 9 per cent interest.

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MARKET REPORT • by Michael Clark

Index gains 8.5 on hopes of cut in stamp duty

get, which was good news for

shares. The FT index managed to close near its "high" for the day, 8.5 up at 828.3, while the FT-

SE 100 index rose 5.8 to 1046.1. There is growing optimism that the Government may reduce to 21, per cent stamp duty on all share purchases and that is likely to encourage more business. Leading shares were all marked higher, partly helped by an impressive set of full-year figures and an accompanying scrip issue from Royal In-surance. Royal itself ended the day 20p higher at 523p and General Accident added another op to 466, still reflecting Wednesday's profits. Commer-cial Union on 173p and Guardian Royal Exchange on 516p, both closed unchanged on the day, but Phoenix Assurance. due to report shortly, tumbled

But life insurance companies and banks were again under a cloud. One big institution decided to heed yesterday's report in The Times about the possible repercussions for the "lifers" in the Budget over their investments in gilts and sold its entire holding in Hambro Life. Broker Rowe & Pitman placed 1.5 million shares in the company, followed by a further £254 Partly paid. 750,000 at a lower price later in

Hambro ended the day 35p lower at 421p. There was still no sign of the losses being sector after the Inland Revenue's decision to tax building societies at 40 per cent on their gilts investments. Britannic fell 23p to 473p. Equity & Law 35p

Dealers took a positive line to 770p, Legal & General 27p to yesterday on the outcome of the Chancellor's forthcoming Bud-23p to 483p, Pearl Assurance 49p to 782p, Prodential 27p to 433). Refuge Assurance 21p to 413p and Sun Life 35p to 579p.

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Shares of Britain's High Street banks were also in ragged retreat. There are grwing feras that the Government may impose a levy on all consumer credit transactions in adsdition to a poswible windfall tax on the bank's profits. LLoyds led the way lower, with a fall of 18p to 579p closely followed by Barclays 13p to 529p, National Westminster 10p to 724p and Midland Sp to 379p.

Custing around for the next Brick hid target, all eyes are on thstock Johnson. But watch specialisi brick maker Blockleys. Annual profits next month are likely to be a record £700,000 and expansion minded C. H. Beazer (Holdings) owns an estimated 12 per cent of the group. Blockleys shares closed last night at 370p, near its high for the year.

Gilts scored gains of up to £1/5, still reflecting hopes of another cut in bank base rates before the Budget. The Govern-ment Broker was able to supply some amounts of the "lap" Exchequer, 9% per cent, 1989, at

But prices generally closed below their best levels of the day, with dealers reporting only scattered movements at the shorter end of the market after hours.

Renewed US support boosted ICI in the wake of last week's figures with the shares climbing 8p to 582p in ex-dividend form. Elsewhere. Beecham was well 250p ahead of the Govern-

331p following overnight buy-ing of the shares on Wall Street.

Glaxo also sported a 15p rise to 760p and there were helpful gains in BOC Group, 3p to 201p. Turner and Newall, 3p to 95p. Unilever, 17p to 945p and Peninsular & Oriental. 3p to 276p. Tate & Lyle improved 12p to 400p after the annual meeting.
London Brick spurted an-

other 7p to 182p as investors decided it was a cheap way into Hanson Trust, up 1p at 176p. The new Hanson loan stock being offered as an alternative to the cash bid of 165p opened life on a firm note. This 8 per cent stock started dealings at £125 and closed at £126% as about £8m-worth changed hands. Hanson Trust has now replaced London Brick among

the FT index constituents. LRC international rose 8p to 110p following a bullish circular from broker James Capel, which is optimistic about the outcome for the current years

Northern Goldsmiths rose 20 to 208p after the £1.1m deal to buy nine of the 27 betting shops allowed on the tax-haven island of Jersey. Northern will have to pay a further £400,000 if turnover comes up to promised levels. It has bought bookmakers Turf Investors and Jack Carp through a newly-formed company, PTS Jersey, North-ern, once thought of as a contender to bid for James Walker, says it owns no shares now and is not interested in making a bid. However, the market expects other Jerseybased leisure-related deals shor-

British Aerospace rose 8p to

aid for the new Airbus, but the shares closed only ip firmer at 243p following the Government statement

Electricals were a buoyant market as several large buyers appeared on the scene. GEC responded 8p to 183p on the suggestion that one buyer was bidding for 2.5 million shares. It was also enough to support other leading electrical shares which seem to be enjoying a new lease of life recently. Thora EMI hardened 10p to 620p. Only Plessey bucked the trend slipping 1p to 222p on profittaking after recent speculation

Dealers vesterday reported heavy call option business in this week's newcomer Petranoi, the British oil exploration group, which has decided to go looking for oil in Texas. Investors are apparently hopeful that Petranol will have some good news for their shareholders in early May - well within the scope of a three month call option. The shares rose 7p to 150p - a premium of

about a new big US contract. The oil sector also sported solid gains, helped by the increased fighting between Iran and Iraq. BP rose 9p to 440p. Shell 10p to 641p and Atlantic Resources 20p to 508p.

London & Northern Group encountered profit-taking, sliding 31/2p to 831/2p. The group overseas hospital division. Allied Medical Group, has renewed its hospital management contracts in the United Arab Emirates at an annual value of about £45m. It is hospitals in Saudi Arabia for the of 105p.

Mr Michael Ashcroft's Coledistributor, with the purchase of an extra 700,000 in exchange for an estimated 1.4 million shares in Coleman Milne. This takes Coleman's stake up to 20 per cent. Heniys' largest indepen-dent shareholder is the Bank of Scotland, with just under 30 per cent. Henlys raced up 7p to

121p on the news. Mr Michael Ashcroft said yesterday that he was broaden-ing Coleman's asset base. Under the Takeover rules he may buy up to 5 per cent each week, up to the bid-triggering 29.9 per cent limit. But if Henlys' price moves up, he could sell the stake to leave Coleman cash-

Freemans, the South Londonbased mail-order catalogue group, held steady at 106p, after the Prudential Corp announced had been adding to its shareholding. The "Pru" now owns 3.61 million shares, or 5.11 per cent of the total.

Over on the Unlisted Securities Market, Denmans Electrieal, the electrical products wholesaler, made a healthy start first-time dealings after stockbroker Stock Beech had placed 443,000 shares at 162p. The opening price was 175p - a premium of 13p - and a level the shares held for the rest of the day.

Wednesday's Dewey Warren, the Lloyds insurance broker floated off from Argyle Trust, again opened firm, but encountered profit-taking as the day wore on.

supported, with a 13p rise to ment's announcement on state Riyadh and Al Kharj military compared with the placing price

Consultants (Computer and Financial) responded with a 40p man Milne has increased its rise to 690p, following a fourstake in Henlys, the car fold rise in profits and a sharesplit and scrip. Pretax profits jumped from £125,000 to £496,000 for 1983 on turnover almost doubled at £2.1m.

Applied Computer Techniques went ex-rights following its recent £17.2m rights issue. with the ordinary shares climbing 20p to 698p before closing unchanged on the day at 678p The new nil-paid shares opened at 173p and after hitting 193p. lost ground to close at about its opening level.

ACT makes and distributes Apricot personal computer. This was the group's third fundraising exercise in less than three years.

Speculative demand was good for a 13p rise on Paterson Jenks at 188p, while Usher Walker rose 25p to 193p in a thin market for a similar reason

Stylo firmed 26p to 286p after learning that Mr Phil Harris's Harris Queensway had found acceptances totalling 48 per cent for his unwelcomed bid of £35m. Shares of Harris Queensway greeted the news

calmly, holding steady at 314p. Building shares were a firm market, with selective support for Erith, up 4p at 77p. Wolsey-Hughes, 7p at 548p. Among the building suppliers, Pilington Bros. stood out with a rise of 7p to 295p, while Blue Circle added 2p to 425p and RMC Group 1p to 424p.

Contracting and construction also had firm spots in AMEC 7p to 232p. Ben Bailey 2p to 33p. CH Beazer 8p to 330p continuing its management. The shares closed only 2p 33p, CH Beazer 8p to 330p consultancy services at the higher at 115p, after 118p. Bryant Holdings 4p to 68p

PRELIMINARY RESULTS FOR 1983 Royal Insurance

	Year 1983 (unaudited) £m	Year 1982 (audited) £m
General Insurance:	- .	
Premiums Written	1,910.1	1,700.2
Underwriting Balance	209.6	-166.1
Investment Income allocated to	204.3	180.8
General Insurance operations	204.0	
General Insurance Result	-5.3	14.7
Long-term Insurance Profit	17.5	13.6
Investment Income attributable to	77.0	60.5
Capital and Reserves Share of Associated	75.0	60.5
Companies' Profits	11.2	7.7
Profit before Taxation	98.4	96.5
Less Taxation	19.0	22.6
Minority Interests	0.4	1.0
Net Profit attributable to the	•	
Shareholders	79. 0	72.9
(pence per share)	(41.9p)	(38.7p)
Dividends for the year	53.8	50.0
(pence per share)	(28.5p)	(26.5p)
Transfer to Retained Profits	25,2	22.9
Capital and Reserves	£1,422m	£1,225m

EXCHANGE RATES

Foreign currencies have been translated according to our normal practice at approximately the average rates of exchange ruling during the year. The principal rates were: -

		Year 1983	Year 1982
USA		\$1.51	\$1.75
Canada		\$1.87	\$2.15
Australia	٠.٠	\$1.68	\$1.72
Netherlands		Fls4.33	Fls4.66
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Changes in exchange rates adversely affected the underwriting balance by £21.2m; investment income and Associated Companies benefited by £23.7m. Overall the profit before taxation benefited by £2.5m.

FINAL DIVIDEND

The Directors will recommend to the shareholders that at the Annual General Meeting to be held on 10th May 1984, a final dividend be declared of 18.0p per 25p share to be paid on 18th May 1984. This dividend will be payable to shareholders registered at the close of business on 13th April 1984. This, together with the interim dividend of 10.5p already paid, will make a total distribution of 28.5p per share for the year 1983 compared with 26.5p for 1982.

PROPOSED SCRIP ISSUE

The Directors will also recommend that a scrip issue be made to shareholders registered at the close of business on 21st May 1984 on the basis of one new share of 25p for every four shares of 25p each in the company then held.

INVESTMENT INCOME

Total investment income of £279.3m increased in sterling terms by some 1534%; allowing for the changes in rates of exchange the growth was 61/2%.

GENERAL INSURANCE

Premium income rose by 121/4% in sterling; allowing for the effect of currency changes, the increase was almost 31/2%.

Details for the individual operating companies are as follows: --In the United States premium income in dollar terms, including that of Milbank Insurance

Company, was marginally lower. The operating ratio was 114% (1982:111.1%). The deterioration was mainly attributable to a substantial worsening in the workers' compensation and general liability accounts. However, there was some sign of improvement in the commercial multi-peril and automobile business due to the remedial measures taken, although losses continued at very high levels. Firm underwriting and pricing action is being maintained despite. in the absence of general price firming in the very competitive market, some loss of market share. For personal lines there was a better underlying trend with a positive underwriting balance being achieved in the final quarter. Weather related losses for the year totalled \$53m (1982 \$43m).

The result for Royal UK showed a useful overall improvement with premium income increasing by some 71/2%. Aided by the somewhat lower level of weather losses than in 1982, the personal lines showed a marked improvement to produce a small positive underwriting balance. Although there was some welcome stabilisation of rates in the market place, experience remained adverse in commercial lines, due mainly to the incidence of large fire claims in the third quarter.

There was a sharp worsening in the result for Canada in the fourth quarter with a return to the more usual adverse winter weather conditions. an unsurge in automobile claims frequency and poor general liability experience. However, the loss ratio for the year was contained to 68.7% (1982: 71.5%). Premium income in local terms fell by over 7%. The result for Royal Int reflected the increase

in the number of large fire and weather claims. mainly in Western Europe, and a general deterioration in the motor account.

The significant improvement in the result in Australia continued with a marked reduction in the expense ratio. The adverse underwriting balance is more than accounted for by the cost of the bush fires in February. Premium growth was particularly strong in commercial business.

In Royal Nederland there was a virtually unchanged underwriting balance in local currency terms with the deterioration in motor business being offset by improvements in most other lines. Premium income fell by 5.7% in local terms in the intensely competitive market

The results for Royal Re's facultative and home foreign business were somewhat worse and there was a marked deterioration in the treaty account.

ROYAL LIFE INSURANCE

New annual premiums written by Royal Life during 1983 increased by 117% to £57.7m and new single premiums rose by 75% to £84.4m. The introduction of the new system of crediting tax relief on mortgage interest (MIRAS) in the UK was a major factor in the increase. Sales of unit-linked business were also very good with annual premiums rising almost threefold to £4.1m and single premiums more than doubled at £24.7 m.

The long-term insurance profit increased from £13.6m to £17.5m.

CAPITAL AND RESERVES

Capital and Reserves do not at present make any allowance for the value of our long-term insurance business and the Directors are considering the inclusion of such a value in the 1983 Report and Accounts. REPORT AND ACCOUNTS FOR 1983

The Report and full Accounts for 1983, which are being prepared, will be posted to shareholders on 16th April 1984 and delivered to the Registrar of Companies following the Annual General Meeting.

Royal Insurance plc, Group Head Office, 1 Cornhill, London EC3V 3QR.

	Year 1983				Yea	ır 1982		
	Premiums Written &m	Under- Writing Balance £m	Allocated Investment Income £m	General Insurance Result	Premiums Written Lm	Under- Writing Balance £m	Allocated Investment Income Lm	General Insurance Result Lm
Royal USA	807.6	-139.9	92.8	-47.1	699.5	-91.1	72.2	-18.9
Royal UK	533.1	-24.1	56.4	32.3	494.6	-36.7	53. 1	16.4
Royal Canada	200.3	-20.6	28.1	7.5	187.9	-18.1	28.8	10.7
Royal Int	116.4	-7.1	7.9	0.8	112.9	-3.9	7.7	3.8
Royal Australia	113.4	-3.2	9.0	5.8	78.9	-7.9	9.4	1.5
Royal Nederland	67.6	-4.6	6.2	1.6	66.5	-4.0	5.9	1.9
Royal Re	71.7	-10.1	3.9	-6.2	59.9	-4.4	3.7	-0.7
	1,910.1	-209.6	204.3	-5.3	1,700.2	-166.1	180.8	14.7

Bright idea that went through the roof

Success has arrived early for Dennis Bradley, a former design engineer with Chrysler, who by chance two years ago took a look at the independent makes of sun roofs available for cars

Many leaked, were expensive and awkward to fit. So he designed his own with the cost and ability to fit the roof easily as his two main targets. After that he decided to set up on his own and after mortgaging his house and raising a £75,000 loan from his local bank under the Loan Guarantee Scheme. formed Arrowin Ltd.

on the market, and decided they

left a lot to be desired.

In February 1982, with a team of five, he took over a 2.500 sq ft factory and warehouse in Wolverhampton. Four months later Arrowin's Solarport sun roofs were rolling off the production line and selling at £40 each worth over £600,000 in the first year. The Solarport took an average hour to install in most makes of car by an experienced fitter and soon Arrowin was established as one of the biggest sun roof manufac-

turers in the country.
Within 18 months Mr Bradley had been able to pay back his bank loan and was looking to increase the factory and warehouse space to 22,000 sq ft. This year Arrowin hopes to produce 170,000 sun roofs and has introduced a new -Olympus - range after further investment costing £250,000. The new range, uses a strong glass reinforced polyester offer ing a two-year "no quibble" guarantee.

Arrowin hopes to use this new range to spearhead its invasion of Europe where only two cars in 10 are fitted with a sun roof. Arrowin hopes to become Europe's largest manufacturer of sun roofs by the year end with sales of almost £5m.

The Olympus range also offers an upmarket version. The Imperial, costing £170 compared with £80 at the bottom end of the range.

Sales last year were helped by the fine weather and introduction of the A registration which boosted car sales.

Mr Bradley maintains the only way he has been able to take on the older established companies is by presenting a good design which can be made and fitted easily. Low costs and quick delivery are two other

Arrowin hopes to be able to maintain growth - possibly with and the Salinger aim is to recruit
200 in five years. An Aids franchise the help of acquisition - and eventually will be looking for a public quote.

YOUR OWN BUSINESS

'Total service' video studio sees production-line profits

Tim Mein and Mike Croker. joint managing directors of Frontline Video in London's Covent Garden, have come up with what is, for the video and film business, a cheaper mousetrap that gets jobs done at much

lower prices.

The result, after a start-up bank loan of £100,000, has been growth in four years from £180,000 annual turnover to this year's £750,000, with £1 m in sight for the next linancial

Additionally, £400,000-worth of equipment which has put them ahead in their sector of the video business has been financed out of their own cash flow without additional borrow-

The pair have already turned down a takeover offer and are now contemplating a quote on the Unlisted Securities Market, possibly by this year's end, because they foresee a growth need arising from the potential of new markets they have been tapping.

Frontline claims to be the only British video production ompany with a total in-house service in what is known as the non-transmission field. This means Frontline produces video and film programmes not for public broadcasting but. for example, for product launches new product launches, and company promotions. around £6.500." example, for product launches

BRIEFING

Britain's first franchised

accountancy service - which are fairly commonplace in the United

States - starts on a new growth path this week which could lead to

Derek Harris writes. The Accounting Information Development Service is targeted

more clients.
The London-based service, of

which 35-year-old Mike Salinger is chairman and managing director,

a chain of 40 by the year end,

directly at small businesses, a potential market of 700,000 or

already has 400 clients but

franchising is seen as a path to growth given the service has a mainframe computer on tap capable of preparing clients accounts monthly.

A crucial part of the service is

interpret the figures for their local clients, thus offering a management accounting service.

franchisees rises to 14 this week

outside London costs £5,000 and in

that the network of accountants

The present nine Aids



Tim Mein, left, and Mike Croker: a quote on the USM is likely

Frontline produces the total package, from shooting and editing to the video copics.

The main option in the past for companies planning corporate video or film promotions has been to produce material to broadcasting standards.

"One leading company was quoted a budget of around £60,000 for a 30-minute corporate promotional film," said Mr Croker. "Last year we turned out a 20-minute promotional programme for Levi Strauss on

MR FRIDAY Xer Rine

'l'm afraid you can't see him ~

he's gone to another seminar on

how to improve services to small

business

franchisee pays to Aids 10 per cent in royalties and 40 per cent of the

rocessed work. Small businesses that usually

cannot afford an accountant are likely to be the most interested in

central London £10,000. The

selling price of computer-

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year to Houston, Texas, Mr

Even Tyne Tees Television came to Frontline last year to get a promotional half-hour presentation on Tynside put together. Frontline's cheaper technology was a better option to the television company's own. according to Mr Croker. principals. In the last trading year fully reported, on a

insured by the Export Credits Guarantee Department, it expects to lend about £10m to its local Barclays branches to enable the exporters to complete on-the-spot,

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risk-free deals. Invitations to join the mission are the London Chamber of Commerce, offering a £700 travel subsidy to each salesman. It goes to Los Angeles, San Fransisco and Seattle in May, with more than a dozen target-sectors having already been chosen by the bank's American business specialists, working with British Government trade officials.

The Government is now seriously concerned that British firms are failing to benefit from the economic covery on the West Coast. Mr Stephens said: "Only 2.5 per cent of total imports through southern California came from Britain, compared with 4.7 per cent from West Germany and 42.9 per cent from Japan."

Target-sectors range from serospace and defence equipment to antiques and cider.

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When early warning is vital to rescue a sinking ship

Reforms on insolvency law were projected in a White Paper this week. It serves notice that company directors will carry more responsibilities for com-pany failures. But why do smaller businesses fail? Wayne Lintott investigates the patterns

There is some irony in the fact that the most widespread reason for small companies going bust is overtrading. The problem is concentration on increased turnover without having first ensured that adequate capital is

While the small business principal can justifiably argue that higher turnover will one day work through to profits. banks are usually averse to increasing their exposure with further overdrafts and loans. The small business usually then turns increasingly to putting off payment to creditors.

That path has many pitfalls and by the time an entrepreneur realizes that there is serious financial difficulty, it is usually too late to save the business.

Not surprisingly, the two creditors who most usually initiate the winding up are the tax authorities and the clearing banks. That is not likely to change

when the insolvency law reforms come in. But there will be possibility of a moratorium of debtors through the courts being enabled to appoint a new tigure called an administrator able to take over a company's management at an earlier stage than receivers.

It is by no means clear yet how far this will approach the United States system where a

company can continue trading while a rescheduling of debt is from Derrick Woolf, an insol-

organized by a court. Directors must weigh carefully the choice between continuing a business which is under pressure and trading on where there is an awareness of insolvency with the legal consequences that involves for the

directors. It is a popular misconception that the clearing banks cut the umbilical cord as soon as they spot trouble. In fact, there are a number of large well known publicly quoted corporations being kept afloat today by the banking lifeboat

The difficulty for the directors is finding a sympathetic and helpful ear at an early stage in the development of prob-

The problem financial advisers have found most recurrent and most destructive is director's own self delusion. often naively hoping for some minor miracle.

Derrick Woolf: face up to problems in time

A perspective on this comes vency specialist and partner in a North West chartered accountancy practice. Levy Gee and

Partners. His advice is contact a specialist as early as possible. Although this means facing the

problems at an early stage: the result is usually positive.

He outlined five cases where clearing banks employed his firm to analyse companies having trouble. The recommedation in all cases was that a further injectio of permanent capital be made but that the banks should monitor the situations much more closely, In two of the cases, outside capital could not be found. But three of the companies are still

mproved He pointed out that most banks and financial institutions have specialist departments to help companies in difficulty. But cooperation among banker, accountant and directors at the earliest possible stage, could drastically reduce the company

trading and performance has

failure rate.
Mr Woolf said that if directors dealt with problems early, there was a number of alternatives for raising extra capital. The Government's Business Expansion Scheme. venture capital firms, small banks, funds and institutions could all be approached.

Even when a compulsory liquidation is forced all is still not lost. The banks accept that in 90 per cent of the cases they will not set their full return and once again opt for keeping as much of the business going as is

A case of work after work

By Vivien Goldsmith

Tony Moore, once a director of Costain International, the builders, is now a consultant on a project to turn an old East End slipper baths into a social club.

He said: "I retired a bit early, so it was what to do with the rest of my life. Someone suggested charity work, but I'd never done anything for nothing! I wrote to REACH (Retired Executives Action Clearing House) and they got me this job overseeing the building work for the Bow project. It is thoroughly interesting and worthwhile."

This is a typical case history a retired executive who has found the proverbial new lease of life by plunging himself into work after work. The story of become self-employed. Local Mr Moore and others who have enterprise agencies under the

found post-retirement use for their skills is told in a new book* which lists the voluntary groups which would probably welcome offers of help as well as established enterprise agencies and opportunities for voluntary work overseas.

Some people facing retirement may not want to work without being paid for either psychological or economic reasons. Stephen O'Brien of Business in the Community believes that real commitment to a project only comes with payment. In this field there is Success after Sixty, a non-profitmaking jobs agency and EXACT. Executives in Action. a self-help organization begun by the Rotary movement which encourages people to

Community often use executives to advise small businesses. Retired executives are particularly in demand for fund-raising projects. "It has never been popular," admits Mr Peter Burns, the managing director of charity consultants Public Voice Communications. "Volunteers used to be inveigled into doing it. Now it is left to the professionals - those people who have come in from industry and commerce." One survey of bank managers found that those who took on no other

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New suitor for Border **Breweries**

The behind-the-scenes battle for control of Border Breweries of Wrexham took another runs such names as Mario and extraordinary twist yesterday Franco, Geneieve and now when it emerged that there is yet Wheelers, vesterday announced another potential bidder, bringing the number of known suitors the year to last October. to three. Observers believe that there could be yet more of them.

It is understood that the latest company to have opened takeover talks with Border is Stoke on Trent based brewery, Greenall Whitley. It joins Forshaws Burtonwood Brewery of Warrington, which already has a 59.4m bid on the table and Marston Thompson & Evershed of Burton on Trent, which recently emerged as an 8.2 per cent shareholder and has put as yet undisclosed bid terms to the board for consideration.

Border's directors announced vesterday that talks which might lead to a recommended offer were at an advanced stage Border's share price last night rase 12p to 240p.

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Restaurant group sees profits rise

compared with £565,000 the year before. Sales were £3m

higher at £12.4m.
The figures include only seven days' contribution from the Wheelers chain of fish restaurants. However, the divident has to

be spread out to embrace the former Wheelers shareholders who are now on the Kennedy list, so the final payment is rising by only 0.175p to 0.875p a share, making a total of 1.4p. With Wheelers fully intergrated into the group, company expect sales in the current year to grow to £22m.

Michael Golder, the chair man, notes that investment for further growth is not likely to be fully reflected in profits until

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Cotts group up 30% in first half

Mitchell Cotts, the overseas engineer and transport group whose main interests are in South Africa and Australia, reported a 30 per cent jump in

The group reported pretax profits of £3.45m, on a turnover down from £206m to £189m, for the six months to the end of last December, against £2.6m last

man, said he was more confident that Cotts would top last years 17.38m, itself £2m lower than the previous year. Cotts is cutting its 5,000-acre Ugandan tea estates into a managable size. In the two and a half years it has been allowed to return to the country, the group

has trimmed about a quarter of

Mr Philip Dunkley, chair-

the trees With its British engineering side back into profits and a useful contribution coming from the group's chemical division in Yorkshire, the group will pay less British tax

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Bairstow in £1.9m

takeover
Bairstow Eves, the first firm of estate agents to get a public quote, yesterday announced that it had bought a firm of insurance brokers for £1.9m.

The acquisition of Peter Painbours 3. Rainbow & Associates is to

provide mortgages for the houses it sells through Taylors, the chain of estate agents it has just bought in Bedfordshire, Hertfordshire. Northamptonshire and Buckinghamshire. Yesterday Mr John Bairstow.

chairman of the Essex-based estate agents, said: "We've always provided mortgages through our own mortagae and finance department. We expanded recently into this new area but decided that it was not practical to send people down to our Brentwood headquarters". Bairstow is paying Mr Peter Rainbow, the broker's chairman

and chief executive, with Bairstow shares. He will stay on with the business and has warranted profits of at least 1900,000 for the three years up to March 1987.

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Ziff digs in despite Harris coup

Mr Arnold Ziff, the chairman of the family-controlled Stylo shoe business, yesterday indicated that he intended to fight a drawn-out battle against the unwanted £35m bid from Harris Queensway and was unlikely to talk to the furniture and carpet

group. Mr Ziff's rebuff to Mr Phil Harris, Harris's chairman, came despite confirmation that Harris, had received acceptances for more than 50 per cent of the shares by the first closing

date on Wednesday. Yesterday Lloyds Bank International. Stylo's merchant bank, said: "We had a short meeting with Mr Ziff this morning and decided we see no point in talking (with Harris). The figure that matters is that Mr Harris has got only 30 per cent of the votes.

The Ziff family has control of Stylo through its ownership of unlisted management share which have more voting rights than the ordinary shares.

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Charlton Athletic, £1.2m down and deep into injury time, ground owned by their former waited yesterday for the final whistle to echo around the Valley, they heard instead that their chairman, Mark Hulyer, had resigned to allow a consortium to take over and safeguard their immediate future.

Nor was that the only rescue operation to be raised. Derby County, estimated to be some their own epitaph to be published in 10 days but it is likely to be postponed by the likely to be postponed by the arrears amount to £129,000, was set for March 12 but that £1.5m in debt, were expecting millionaire accepted "in principle" their invitation to lead the reconstruction of their

On a day whose bappenings were better fitted to the business section than the sports pages, it was also appropriate that Mike Lewis, appointed as Reading's financial director, chose to criticize the way clubs are run. only three or four can look



Maxwell: rescue operation their bank managers in the

eye", he said. "Most directors are part-timers who pop in once a week to sign cheques". Hulyer would clearly dispute

his claim. After squeezing "two months' work into less than a , he took his decision at five o'clock in the afternoon on the advice of his business associate, Leslie Wise. "I told him he had no option". Wise said, "but he is happy because his sole concern Charlton's future".

The consortium, backed by the Sunley Property and Building Company, later reached agreement with the Football League over financial guarantees. Graham Kelly, the League's secretary, confirmed: "Its solicitors has indicated that it will be in a position to meet all our terms and conditions

The ability of English clubs to play tomorrow, had been put avoid the ultimate defeat back three hours to 4 pm today. continues to be remarkable. As They trained as usual, not at the

chairman, Michael Glicksten. Known to be a supporter of the consortium. Gliksten is still owed £300,000 by the club. He flew back from his farm in Sydney to hear that Hulyer, held the lease on who Charlton's ground, had dropped his appeal against the winding-up petition. It was to be heard

in the High Court this morning. meeting may not take place. A club statement said that "the details of the deal are being finalized urgently and will be put to the court for approval at

the earliest opportunity".

If it is accepted, Maxwell will sever his connexions with Oxford United and become Derby's chairman. Stuart Webb, the chief executive, will be the managing director and three others, Kirkland, Fern and Hart, who are all making
"substantial financial contributions to the package", will
remain on the board as

Derby's negotiations with a multinational company based Hongkeng, who were believed to be willing to invest £1,2m. broke down recently. Maxwell said: "I feel that Derby ought to remain in British hands. I'm happy to be a part of this operation, particularly as the club has such an illustrious tradition and is about to celebrate its centenary".

There may be a more significant reason for this change of allegiance. In his chairman's report, published this morning. Maxwell states: "If, after 30 years, the Oxford City Council continues to block and prevaricate, the club will close down either at the end of this season or at the latest by the end of the next"

The irony is that Oxford, the third division leaders, are as likely to climb up to the second division as Derby, who are six points adrift in twentieth place, are to fall down to the third. Maxwell, frustrated in his attempt to merge Oxford and Reading as well as to buy Manchester United, may at least find himself back in the FA Cup.

Derby are at Plymouth Argyle in the quarter-final round on March 10. They have all our terms and conditions before the weekend". Charlton's players will be relieved to hear that.

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Currie by the sea

Tony Currie, the former England midfield player, yesterday signed for the fourth division club Torquay. Leeds and Queen's Park Rangers, has been playing with the non-League side Chesham.

Burnley yesterday transferred Malcolm Waldron, a defender, to Portsmouth for around £60,000. He had been at Burnley for only five months after being bought from Southampton for £85,000.

Britol City today signed Trevor Morgan, a Bournemouth forward, for a fee of about £10,000. Morgan, Morgan, Bournemouth leading scorer so far this season with 15 goals. Is expected to play at York supporters of both teams.

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Middlesbrough have failed to raise the £30,000 down-payment on a proposed £60,000 transfer of the Manchester United reserve goaltomorrow. Currie, aged 34, who keeper, Stephen Pears. Pears could used to be with Sheffield United, return to Old Trafford today after keeper, Stephen Pears. Pears could an extended loan to stand by for Manchester United's European Cup Winners' Cup quarter-final against

> A proposal for Southampton and Portsmouth to share a new stadium has been suggested by John Deacon, the Portsmouth chairman. Mr Deacon, who is a Southampton councillor, says that the new luxury ground should be midway between the two cities and he believes that,

It would be misleading to place the responsibility for England's slightly embarrassing inferiority against effervescent yet erratic France at the feet of Glenn Hoddle. Yet the evidence is growing uncomfortably more plain that one of our most gifted players cannot guarantee to deliver even half the parcel.

The only consolation of the wretched so-called supporters will not be there to disfigure the European Championship finals in France. There is no answer to wanton aggressiveness. other than the random, nasty "correction" of police batons and prisons, or complicated social legislation which restricts the liberty of other citizens.

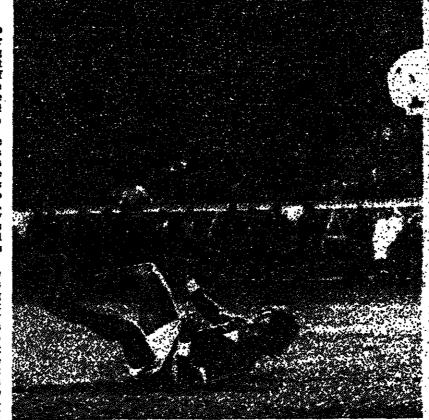
Hoddle's tepid performance in a two-goal defeat provides just one of the worrying reservations which any realist must now have about Bobby Robson being sure of taking his team to the Mexico World Cup finals. Allowing for the fact that his team was experimental, the score might have been five or six without Shilton and Bryan Robson. It is puzzling that Bob Wilson, himself an ex-pro-fessional, could say on BBC television that England were technically equal to the French.

The manager, who tries hard the players upon whom his tation rests, was moved to overrun towards the end". It makes that admission more disturbing for the future if you France's superiority stemmed not from any manswerable flair but from the persistently average and unimaginative opposition that they were encounter-

Platini, for all his two goals, did not look a match-winner for most of the first half, even though it was clear that France had six outstanding ball players and were being kept in check several times only by Bryan Robson's spine-rattling tackles.

Hoddle, it must be empha-sised, was the fifth most capped player (19) in the England team. Gone is the time when his vulnerable skills may be regarded indulgently as something yet to develop fully. He is 26. He should have been on one of the leaders, morally if not physically, and he was not. It can be argued that the

system was not right for his style, that he needs three attacking players, not two, to exploit his creative touch and eye. But the great player, at 26, rises above adversity, especially in a friendly. France are bardly the most severe physical opposition, and as the manager



Down and in: Platini, back on home soil, watches his header elude Shilton to give France the lead.

Yet the manager's inner

disquiet must be deepened by

the problem elsewhere, especial-

ly among the back four. Five years ago in the under-21

treasm Sansom seemed a gilded

gift for the future, but he has

declined in his maturity. Duxbury, too, looked less of a

what any realistic assessor knows him to be, a robust

scythe, lacking subtlety. An

international team must have

one of its central defenders with

When, over the past four or five years, England have had the

occasional unexpected bad re-

sult - their last defeat away was

in Norway in 1981 - there was usually the possibility of ration-

alising: a different player here

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absequently remarked, Hoddle had no special marker.

He can, Robson continued warily on the way home, be lethal, but he must be doing it consistently in league and international football. "If we're going to play him loose (in midfield), then he has got to hit shots, and get in among the strikers", he said. The inadequacy on the night of Stein -sadly shown on his first appearance to be a dinghy among keel-boats – and the enterprising but lightweight Walsh was emphasized by the lack of midfield support.

There can be no point in Bobby Robson making the concession to Hoddle of having other more robust midfield men if the team does not in return get the benefit of Hoddle's thrust in attack. Bryan Robson was more conspicuous in both penalty areas than Hoddle was in either. and the team could recover. It is

The age of England's supremacy Adams's 30 yard shot had been England Under-16 fended away by the French goalkeeper, and then Beresford's corner was met by Anderson at the France Under-16..... Those naive enough to believe that English footballers improve

By half-time, Adams had put England 2-0 up after Pageau had desperately parried Beresford's free-kick. After the break, however, the with age will take great heart from the performance of the under-16 at Vicarage Road last night. French tried hard to muster their So dominant were the English forces and Digby had to cover fierce shots. England finished supremely that Pageau had no time to rest in the French goal. Within three

hard to see now where Bobby Robson will find the nucleus of a settled side, let alone a complete

He has intermittently lost Francis, Coppell, Mabbutt, Cowans and Devoushire through injury, forfeiting a possible development of the last three, and particularly the leftplayer under pressure than he had previously seemed, and Roberts, in the middle, was side ability of the last two, without which no team prospers. Rix and Armstrong are the only genuine left-sided alternatives. Robson says he knows after Wednesday what his best team would be against Ireland on April 4 and that he must play the best available team in all competitive matches. My opinion would be that the front six should be Lee or Williams. Mabbutt, Robson and Rix with Woodcock and Barnes up front,

though I suspect Robson would prefer the ageing Mariner.

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Eleirne), the manager should say yesterday that further experiment "will be minute", yet this conflicts with what he was saying on Tuesday: that he had not yet run out of experimental time for another half dozen matches, even though he has less than half a club manager's league season before the World Cup finals. In that time he has

to succeed in the qualifying

competition.

The time to blood the young men has come and gone. Now is too late. This means that from now to 1986 England are in exactly the same position as with Greenwood and before him Revie: attempting to qualify for the World Cup with a compromise team that has come together too late after devoting too much time to the European Championship instead of early building.

It is worth recalling that Sir Alf Ramsey, though he may have lost his first match in Paris rather more heavily than Robson, made virtually only three changes to his defensive six in the next three years: Cohen for Armfield, Stiles for Milne, and Jack Charlton for Norman, alongside Banks, Wilson and Moore. The real lesson of the Parc des Princes is that the present manager is uncomfortably short of true international players. Not even the role of his most indispensable player, Robson, is sure at present.

sympathetic affection or back-slap-ping bonhomie. Well, not on the field, at any rate, when the battle, as it were, is joined. They opposed each other recently in the front of the lineout at Lnasdowne Road. The match was

Keane were largely ignored. stood, legs astride, slightly hunched. intently at the thrower-in. Not built exactly as greyhounds in the slips. nonetheless waited each

us the ball When Duggan was floored, by accident or design, in Parc des Princes recently, and after the trainer had completed his ministrations. Clive Norling, the referee, asked him the score - the referee's ule-of-thumb questin to find out whether the man is concussed or

Violence on the field cannot be condoned, but clearly, in a game of such rought and tumble, the ingredients are already there for acts wise. Norling acknowledges that Players quite often react instinc-

Rosslyn Park

Paul Curtis, responded on Wednes-day night with a statement saying they do not accept the criticism. Northampton have cancelled their scheduled home match with Park on March 10 after an incident in which their scrum half, Steve Worrall, had his Jaw broken.

The statement said: "Included in the letter", was the suggestion that Russlyn Park's executive committee rugby football by not suspending Paul Curus. While accepting the

said yesterday: "I don't think Northampton realise how seriously

RUGBY LEAGUE

Patrick Solal, Hull's French international right wing, is to return

down in Britain.

"Although we have tried to help him he hasn't been able to find a job outside rugby. We have agreed to cancel his contract, from the end of this season. The brewers McEwan Younger

League attitude causing despair

By Paul Newman

business. Graham Kelly, the League secretary, said earlier this week that if Charlton Athletic left the League their place in the second division ild be filled by the promotion o an additional club from the third division, which would in turn take an extra club from the fourth. The vacancy in the fourth would not be

A League spokesman confirmed yesterday: "Although we obviously don't want clubs to go out of business, this does enable us to move towards our objective of a smaller League. Non-League clubs will continue to have a chance of getting into the League through the reelection procedure, but there is no chance we will rethink our position on the non-replace-ment of clubs lost through natural

The Alliance believe, however, that this policy may not be widely supported by the League clubs themselves, especially in the fourth division. The loss of one member

The League's attitude is causing despair throughout the non-League game. The Alliance was formed five casons ago, with the support of the Football League, in order to provide one universally accepted candidate for election to the League each year. Not one club has since been ele however, and it is now feared that if the League start losing members through "natural wastage" they will anks even furbter.

This is weakening the whole "pyramid" structure of senior non-League football, whereby clubs can progress through promotion from one league to another. Opponents of the system claim that the Alliance's failure to send clubs into the League is evidence that "the pyramid isn't

They also point to the facts that last season no isthmian League club took up the option of promotion to the Alliance League and that the Northern Premier League have failed to reach agreement on a regular promotion and relegation link with their two proposed

leagues have also caused disagree ments within the pyramid recently and trouble is now brewing in the Midlands, where there is a widespread belief that the area

should have its own league for its best clubs outside the Allian The Central Midlands League are now planning to form a new division composed of leading Midlands clubs unhappy with the present structure. Their scheme, which would be contrary to all which would be contrally a lar-current planning for the develop-ment of the pyramid, has attracted particular interest from clubs formerly in the Midland League,

which merged two years ago with the Yorkshire League to form the Northern Counties East League. Many are unhappy at having to travel long distances to matches travel long distances to matches frequently watched by fewer than Because of lack of time - many

leagues et dates in December and January, after which clubs who resign have to pay heavy fines - the Central Midlands League

Belgians in bribery row resign Liege (AFP), Belgium's football

scandal deepened yesterday with the resignation of the Standard Liege manager and president following Wednesday's revelation by the former Standard player, Eric Gerets, that the club won the league title two years ago by bribing their oppo nents. The

Goethals, who also took Standard to their eighth league champions triumph last season, and the club president Roger Petit, resigned at a special meeting on Wednesday Gerets the captain of the Belgium national side, had been called to

give evidence before an inquiry into the existence of slush funds in the Belgian league. The former inter-national Joseph Jurion, and the president of the poweful Antwerp club. Eddy Wauters were already under arrest on fraud charges.

During a 14-hour hearing Gerets admitted that bribes had been used to arrange the outcome of the match between Standard Liege and



Gerets: suspended

Waterschei at the end of the 1981-83 season, a fixture which had been crucial to Standard's hopes, of winning the title.

Gercis, who has since been transferred to AC Milan in Italy said

he was asked by the president of his club to offer some \$7,000 to Waterschei to throw the match. ● The Scottish first division game between Ayr United and Partick Thistle tomorrow has been postponed. Partick have seven player down with influenza, four injured and two suspended. The Scottish League postponed the game after medical certificates were provided.

RUGBY LEAGUE

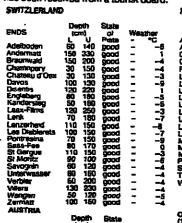
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IN BRIEF

Rebels upset by 'ghosts'

Yorkshire's rebel members are trying to adjourn tomorrow's annual meeting in Sheffield. They claim that "the ghosts" of the general committee forced to resign in January over the Geoff Boycott affair cannot be responsible for affair cannot be responsible for afffair cannot be responsible for drawing up the agenda for the

The new committee could include Boycott himself, two other former captains. Brian Close and Ronnie Burnet, and Fred Trueman, who is still convinced that Boycott should not be given a new contract. The Yorkshire Members 1984 Group. who have led the campaign to have the 43-year-old former England to be adjourned and reconvened at a later date once the new committee has been named. Their main concern is that the old committee have put forward nominations for

to Great Britain in an indoor meeting at Cosford last year, are included in the team that pays a return visit on March 10. They are Tonie Campbell, John Dupuis and James Mays, all winners at Cosford last year, and Bill Krohn. Havey Glance, who runs in the 60 metres was a 1976 gold medalist in the 4x100 metre

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E Tabron, T Wright. 400m: A Darden, A Bebers. 800m: J Meys. J Michitosh. Mile: To be selected S Lazy, 8 Section 3, 200m: W Knotn, B Dermer. 600m hundles: A Campbell, M Stewart. 4000m relay. A Darden. A Sabers. S Redwine, S Davis, High jump: D Lawis, P Phylinidt, Pale Vandt: R Prillipa, T Bright, Long jump: R Waynes, S Hollmes. Triple jump: P Jordan. A Joyner. Shot put: J Dupus, H Horowitz.

ROWING

Emmanuel closing in

Downing had a grandstand view of the action behind as they rode over at the top of the Cambridge Lents on the second day. The deposed head boat, Trinity Hall, were halted yet again on Ditton Corner by Emmanuel who closed from one length at Grassy and so today go for the headship. Lady Margaret too went down, but survived to the Pike and Eel and

pearly a canvas for at least two Churchill rode over comfortably at the top of the women's division but, behind, Jesus jumped back into possible contention by overbump-ing Girton after Girton broke a gate. Jesus thus overtook Clare.

COTTESPONDENT

LMBL: LAUR D FIXWINIAM; Queens' b Peterhouse.

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DIVISION III: Permitoriae II b LMBC III; Fixwilliam II b Churchii III; LMBC IV b Robusson; Girton b Churchii III; Megdalene III b Christ's III.

DIVISION IV: LMBC V b St. Castruction's III; Downing II b Sidery Suspens II; King's III.

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pryison : Care b New Halt Jeaus ob Girlord
Sidney Sussex b Selvynt Emercual b Crise's;
Plzwiffige b 1st and 3rd Tristy; Sf Catherine's
I b Cureer's.
Division it: St Catherine's b Clare R; LMBC b
CMABC: Downing b New Hall R: CCAT b
Robinson: Churchill R b Corpus Christic, Jesus
B b Christ's B; LMBC II b St Cather's E.

BASKETBALL FIRST DIVISION Botton G. ATTONNAL ASSOCIATION
Detroit Pistons 137, Washington Bullets 106;
Seattle Supersonics 124, Delice Meventics 124, 2 ct; Philodephia 78-ers 103, Urah Jazz 97;
San Diego Cappers 102, Phoenix Suns 95;
New York Kricks 102, Boston Ceffice 98; New EUROPEAN CUP: Semi-final group; Limoges

CYCLING SAINT-RAPHEAL, France: (France unless stated) grand prix (67 milest: 1. P Jules. 2hr 55min. 2. A Bondus. 3. J-L Gauther, 4. P Moorier (Switz), all same time: 5. S Boucherie 22sec behind: 6. P Le Bigattl 48sec, 7. P Shanwan (68), 8. C Corre, 9. P Schrosen, 10. D Lebon all Same time:

MELBOURNE: Women's four-nation tourna-ment: Canada 1, US 1: Australia 2, New Zealand 1, Australia 2, Canada 2, US 3, New Zealand 1 ICE HOCKEY

RUGBY UNION CHOOLS MATCHES: Hampahire Cup - Semi-inals: Portamouth GS 31, Alton Coll 12, hepresentative Metch: Public School Wanderert 26, British Polytecnics 18, Other HOCKEY

LEAGUE, Cheam 1, London Coxford University 0, Hawks 0, TATVIE MATCH: Police Antietic SQUASH RACKETS CUMBERLAND CUP: Prot Divisor: Beck LTC 4, Wintbledon SC 1; Herge Woodland Wells SC 3; Cumberland I Gretton SC 1; Euling SC 3, Coolhund Wenstmed 4, Higmpton SC 1.

FOR THE RECORD

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Open Championships (British unless stated):
69 B Gunson, D Jones, C Maltimen, 70: M
Mackenze, M Miller, A Murray, D Williams, 71: S
Bishop, S Doe, R Lee, A Forsbrand, (Seve), M
Tapsa (Fr), 72: R Crasg, G Cutien, P Hoad, N
Hurt, S Keppler, W McCoe, K Waters, 72: B
Adje (Ivory Coest), J Anderson (Can), P
Dahberg (Swe), R Darrieumeriou (Fr), M
Persson (Swe), B Darrieumeriou (Fr), M
Persson (Swe), C Berndt, D Jagger, J Higgins,
G Harvey, 74. G Brand, G Broadbert, P
Carroyl, R Chapteriam G Coles, P Coven, S
Hadfield, P Hernison, P Kent, J Labble (Sierra
Loone), S Cusste (Eg), T Powelf, G Stewart, P
Tembo (Zam),
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KUALA, LUMPUR: Melaysten Open Tourne-nant: Frest round; 57: J Furuid (Jap), T Taneita (Jap), 58: T Gele (Jus), B Jones (Aus), J Caltord (Aus), G Sorhan (Aus), F Miroza (Philippines), 58: Kyr Ha Han (Burnat), Lu Chien-Soon (Tal), N Kewalcent (Jap), J O'Leary (GB), J Hert (US), W Istreaton (US), 70: W Grady (Aus), M Harwood (Aus), J Rutledge (Cari), N Fujike (Jap), R Astroon (Mex), E Begtas (Philippines), R Laveres (Philippines), I Legaspi (Philippines), Other British scores: 70: M McClean, S Torrance, 71: E Darcy.

TENNIS

MADRID: Indoor Grand Pric (U.S. crises stated: First round: J Compos bt H Guntleard: (Switz) 6-4, 7-5; Torn Guilliann bt P Fleming 6-3, 6-4; J McErroe bt W Fiber, (Pol) 7-5, 6-1. Second round: K Curren (SA) bt S Denton 8-7, 7-5, 7-5; V Sensights bt S Meer (C2) 7-6, 6-2; A Jarryd (Swe) bt C Hooper 8-3, 7-5; W Scanion bt M Weetphal (WG) 6-2, 6-4; Doubles: Curren and Denton bt J Nystrom (Swe) and S Simonsson (Swe) 6-4, 7-6.

FOOTBALL WATFORD: UEFA LHS Competition: Quarter-final: first leg: England 4, France 0 (att. 1.214).

ALLANCE PRESERT LEAGUE: Scarborough

1. Northwich Victoria 1. Bob Long Trophy.
Third pound, second leg: Yeovi 3,
Kiddermisser (1995-52).
HORTHERN PRESER LEAGUE: Worksop 2. Hyde 1. SÖUTHERN LEIAGUE-Premier division: Kings Lyrn (), Fisher 3, Addietkons and Weybridge (), Torrioridge G. Mildland Division: Merrhyr Tydsi Southern Division: HS

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ENTRAL LEAGUE: Pirst Division: Newcaste, Burniny D. Sheffield United 1, Leeds United Stoke City O. West Brownich Abbon 2: Underland D. Evenon 2; Nota County 1, fanchester City D. Second Division: Port Vale 2. Blackpool ().
POOTBALL COMBINATION: Oxford United ().
Millys ().
OLYMPIC QUALIFYING MATCH: France 3. Soen 1.
OTNER MATCH: Cortnihlar Casuels 1.
Cambridge University 2.
ROMANIAN LEAGUE: Dynamo Bucherest 1.
Rapid Bucherest 0; Sportul Studentesc 2.
Saeaus Bucherest 0; Steau 0, Petrolul
Ploest 1; FC Arpest Pleest 2, Universitates
Cralices 1; Jul Petrosen 2, Cortinus
flumedoara 2, FC 08 1, FC anarea Gapta 1;
Chima Rimmou Vilicea 1, FC Beis Mare 0;

seeking creative approach From David Hands Rugby Correspondent Paris Any injury problems which may have worried England this week vanished yesterday after a thorough

RUGBY UNION

Greenwood

workout at the Racing Club de France ground at La Boulie, just outside Paris. Winterbottom and tomorrow's match with France at tomorrow mater with France at Parc des Princes. In that a huge bonfire was smouldering by their training ground, England might have be said to have laid a smokescreen over their endeavours, but Richard Greenwood, their coach, was quite clearcut. "Against Ireland we ended with zero after creating four or five try-scoring chances. I would like to

be similarly creative against France and reap the reward." Greenwood hopes to visit Pare des Prices today to get a look at the ground he has not seen at first hand. The grass cropped short for the footballers, will favour a running French game although Greenwoo pointed out that his side, too, enjoys playing on top of the ground. He was unhappy with the lineous work against Ireland and less than

enchanted about it in training. Some of the reasons for an indifferent performance two weeks ago have been diagnosed!: England will train this morning hoping to have found the cure. If Colclough's showing for Wasps against Orrell is any guide, they may be close to it.
"We will kick where appropriate

but not as a dominant theme, Greenwood said. "There is a very positive and robust aspect to French play and if you are susceptible to it. you may as well not turn up. We have to be positive and robust too." Iain Paxton (knee injury) and Andy Irvine (bruised back) have been passed fit for Scotland's match against Ireland in Dublin tomorrow.

Laughter at the lineouts By Gerald Davies

Quite often it is the violent aspects of the game, the harsh words and aggressive exchanges at forwarch that get the banner headlines. It is good to know, just to restore our confidence and sense of balance, that the game, even at its highest level, still has its moments of comedy, even when the tension is a

its sharpest.
I do not suppose that John
Perkins, of Wales, or Moss Keane,
of Ireland, would immediately
conjure an image of tender

well under way. Norster had the pickings in the middle and Moriarly and Butler combined to take their share at the back. Perkins and At one such lineout, Perkins

hands on bent knees, ready to spring. Keane, on the other side, sleeves rolled to the elbow, affected a similar stance with eyes staring attempting to impress of bluff the other, when Perkins relaxed his position, turned to Keane, smiled, and said: "I don't know why we're going through this rigmarole, Moss-We know they re not going to throw

not. Duggan answered with a grin and rubbing his head: "Well referee, if I didn't know before, I certainly know now.

of aggression, intentional or othertively and their actions can wrongly be interpreted as acts of violence.

answer critics

Rosslyn Park, criticized by Northampton for failing in their duties to rugby by not suspending

had abrogated their responsibility to cancellation the committee does not accept criticism levelled against it, in that an admonishment is a most serious punishment for the unavoid-able collision which resulted in Worrall's mury. Park secretary David Henderson

Schools rugby, page 32

Unsettled Solal heads home

home after completing only one season of his three-year contract with the league champions. The Hull chairman, Roy Waudby, said that Solal had been unable to settle

yesterday enlarged their sponsorship of the game by announcing a £75,000 deal with St Helens (Keith Macklin writes).

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"We've thought up yet

another combination for you".

was how Willis sprung the

surprise that England's innings

Double act may take Europe by surprise

HFC

No 1 would suit Mafe in Gothenburg this weekend.

ton interjected. Then Mafe

emphasizes that in the last two

years he has reduced his indoor

best by about a second when he

gets on the wide-sweeping bends

of outdoor tracks.

team with Allan Wells.

Olympic 200 metres champion.

"To be running at 32 is a bit of

an achievement, you have to admire that." Mafe's admir-

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under 14 apiece, must rate as

one of the most remarkable of lost only six of the 61 Tests they

The Test and County Cricket
Board are having second thoughts
about playing two Test matches at
Lords when the Australians tour in
1985.
The financial advantages of such
The financial advantages of such

a move are obvious. The Lords receipts for the Australian game in 1981 were, at £389,297, by far the highest of the series, nearly £100,000 more than Old Trafford

which took £295,000. There is, however, a strong body of opinion which says the board, despite the financial sacrifice, should keep faith with Nottingham, Manchester and Birmingham
where, before the introduction of sixmatch series, Australian games were staged on a rola basis. A decision will be made at the spring meeting of

the board next Wednesday. Lords is staging two Tests in 1984, one against West Indies and the other against Sri Lanka.

Football-style shirt snonsorship could come into cricket if the Board agrees to liberalize its present policy of markings on clothing and equipment. But it would need to be

Reid aids NZ recovery

by hitting a half century which helped rescue his side against Sri Lanka Colts yesterday.

Reid scored 61 and shared a fourth-wicket stand of 64 with Jeff

Crowc. (56) as the New Zealanders recovered from 62 for three and eventually declared at 245 for eight vickets. At close of play the Colts were two without loss.

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New ZEALANDERS: First limings
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Total (8 wkts dec) .

SCWLING: String 1-0-1-0; Chatheld 0.2-0-0-0.

Formula for driving ambition

By Jeremy Shaw

Competitors in the 1984 Marhoro British Formula Three Championship which starts at Silverstone on Sunday, have a great deal to live up to.

Ayrton Senna da Silva and Martun Brundle, who finished first and second in last year's series, have both secured drives with Formula One grand prix learns for the coming season, thus emphasizing the significance of Britains premier single-seater motor racing cham-

They are the latest in a long line of successful Formula Three drivers who have graduated to the top level of motor sport, including the current world champion. Nelson

Brundle, aged 23, from Kings Lynn, acknowledges the oppor-tunity he gained through Fromula Three: "It is the most junior of the true international formulae," he Mys, "but it gives one the chance to face against the best young drivers from around the world. The experience is invaluable. It was ecause of Formula Three, and Particularly the help I received from Racine for Britain scheme, which helps to secure sponsorship for promising British drivers, that I samed my test drive with the Tyrrell



championship season, while Senna, the Brazilian who was his seasonlong rival last year, has joined the rival Toleman team.

There are a host of young challengers looking to follow in their footsteps and with the promise, al least, of a Formula One test drive to the overall champion, the stakes are high. Prime among them are three young Britons, all of whom have shown well during pre-season

Johnny Dumfries, a 25-year-old Scotsman now based in London, will drive the Team BP Ralt-Volkswagen, and is keen to build on a promising first season of Formula Three in 1983, "I was quite pleased that I was able to show a good turn

ready to go out and try to win some

two Formula Ford championship titles, and the Formula Ford Festival, last year, made an impressive Formula Three first appearance at the end of last season, finishing second at Thruxton in one of Murray Taylor's Ralt-VWs, and has recently joined Taylor's Silvers-tone-based team for a full season.

The third top British contender is likely to be David Hunt, the 23year-old younger brother of James Hunt, the former world champion. He will drive an Eddie Jordan

Pacific champion in 1983; the highly rated young New Zealander Paul Radisich; the American Ross Cheever, the younger brother of the new Alfa Romea Formula One driver Eddie Cheever, the Swiss Mario Hytten; and the Dutchman Cor Euser, a former European

Formula Ford champion. In all, 27 drivers are entered for Sunday's race, which represents the strongest field for the opening round in several seasons. This upsurge in interest is sure to result in close racing, especially with there being no clear-cut, pre-season favourite.

a talent beyond

his years

Adeoye Mafe (it rhymes with café) is full of surprises. Seventeen-year-old British

sprinters do not usually hammer top Americans like Mel Latta-ny, and certainly not twice in two days, as Mafe did six weeks

ago in the AAA indoor cham-

pionships. Nor are many stu-

dents of politics, government and history. And none are

coached by a television actor. Except Ade Mafe.

The next venue for the double

ect of Mafe and Ken Sedding-

ton, his coach - who is best known professionally as Benny

vium arena in Gothenburg for

the European indoor champion-

ships this weekend. Things have

been rather hectic in the past few weeks but they managed to

squeeze in half an hour for a

chat with me on the way to the

physiotherapist for the last time before leaving for Sweden

Mafe's victory over Lattany

to win the AAA 200 metres title,

followed by one of the few British wins in the match

against East Germany, have

made the youngster the flavour of the month. His next free date

in a busy round, according to

Seddington, who fixes up the

interviews, is the middle of the

Seddington, a club 440-yards reaner in the 1950s before

embarking on a career as a

policeman, airline purser and

television bit-part player, came back into athletics six years ago

and Mafe was one of the first

youngsters he started to coach

in Houslow. Within two years

Seddington realized what every-

one else has realized in the last

two months: Mase could be a

"He equalled the British best

for a 13-year-old (23.3 sec), then

broke the record for the 14-

year-olds (22.4), then the record for 15-year-olds (21.6)." Mafe

went two better last year. His

20.92 for fifth place in the

European junior championship was not only easily the best for a 16-year-old, it also beat the

current bests for 17-and 18-

"The next target is David Jenkins's junior best of 20.67,"

Mafe said intently. "Remember,

it's the record for 19-year-olds and he's still only 17", Sedding-

The remarkable metamorphosis of professional cycling in Britain was emphasized yesterday with the presentation in London of a five-

man team, sponsored by Ever-Ready, the battery manufacturer, and Mariboro Cycles. This brings the total of British-based pro-

fessionals to 54, more than doub the number of 18 months ago.

Eastbourne

The list of races has increased in

London race on Sunday

the same proportion, and the

is only the first of a full season of road events, which includes three

city-centre racing series to be screened respectively by Channel 4,

TVS and Anglia.

The surprise leader of the Ever Ready-Mariboro team is a talented Australian rider, Shane Sutton, who will be based in Birmingham for the

year. He has just completed a successful season in Australia, during which he won the nine-day Sun Tour in Victoria. He will make a formidable opponent for the

By Sydney Friskin

Civil Service went through their

annual series of matches against the Armed Forces without a win after

being held to an exciting draw by the

Army at Chiswick yesterday. They had carlier lost 1-0 to the Navy, and drawn 1-1 with the Royal Air Force. But Civil Service should have

won yesterday's match, which seemed well in their grasp when they had taken a 3-1 lead about midway in the second half. A couple

of hasty shots inside the circle

Civil Service...

Army....

CYCLING-

strength of circuit

HOCKEY

Hasty shots in circle cost

world-class sprinter.

month.

Hill's double - is the Scandin

Mafe has

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and Marks was therefore inevi- be on this Karachi wicket. table. Yet slow bowling too, is which, like the outfield, is surprise that England's innings will be opened in the first Test doubt whether England have rain for five months and the Match against Pakistan here ever asked more of a less ball is sure to turn, albeit daunting pair of spinners.

Among the many slow bowlers years ago Edmonds took seven to turn, albeit spin to the same ground six years ago Edmonds took seven to turn. years ago Edmonds took seven for 66 in 33 overs in Pakistan's first innings. It can be done, but not by bowling at and outside the leg stump as Cook is said to have done, to order, in New Zcaland.

England's best chance could

Zaheer, who will be leading Pakistan for the first time at home, disclaims the reputation he has for being a "drawing" captain. "Inshallah (which means 'with God's blessing') and with a little bit of luck, I will prove the impression wrong", he said.

That will be made no easier. though, by the sundry stoppages, riots quite apart, which invariably impinge on a day's play in Pakistan. The need to bowl no more than 77 overs in a full day and only seventy today, as agreed by the two cricket boards, is not going to be much of a help either.

Friday being the holiest day of the week in these parts, today's lunch interval will be extended by fifty minutes for prayers. To some extent this is aconcession to those of the Islamic faith who consider that cricket is a waste of time and therefore decadent. In days by. Pakistanis have mostly brought their prayer mais to t ground, to save a journeyto the mosque, as aome

of them do at Lord's. Zaheer's Test record, by the way, is worth noting. His first fourteen innings for Pakistan brought him 220 runs at an average of 97. The weather here is perfect for batting too, even the midday sun being tem-bpered by the lightest of

ENGLAND: 'R. G. D. Wöls, C. L. Smith, M. W. Gatting, D. I. Gower, A. J. Lamb, D. W. Randell, I. T. Botham, V. J. Marks, fR. W. Taytor, N. G. B. Cook, N. G. Cowane.

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PARISTAN: (from): "Zaheer Abbas, Mudasser Nazer, Mohsin Khan, Casim Omer, Salim Malik, Wasim Raja, †Anii Delpat, Tausif Ahmad, Sariraz Newsz. Azeem Hafeez, Abdul Qadir, iqbal Qasim, Shoalb Mohammad, Rameez

Lloyd back for the first Test

Georgetown (Reuter) - Clive Lloyd has recovered from injuries and resumes as the West Indies' captain in the first Test of the five-

starting here today.

Lloyd, aged 39, who has led his country in a world record 60 Tests, missed Wednesday's one-day inter-national in Berbice, the first of four injured finger and pulled groin muscle suffered on the recent tour of

But there are doubts about allrounder Eldine Baptiste, who scored 57 not out and took six wickets for the Leeward Islands against the Australians in their opening tour

An unbcaten 133 by the opening batsman Haynes and his second wicket partnership with Richardson who made 61, saw West Indies to an eight wickets win over Australia on

Wednesday. Australia lost only five wickets in reaching 23! but West Indies gowithin two runs of victory before losing their second wicket, and the natch was settled by Richards, who hit a four off his first ball.

S R Smith b Gomes K C Wessels c Small b Richards A Ritchie run out J Hughes b Gomes Border b Gomes ...

BOWLING: Garner 10-1-35-0, Daniel 5-0 19-0, Davis 10-1-86-0, Small 5-0-14-1 Richards 10-0-38-1, Gomes 10-0-34-3.

West Indies C G Greendge c Philips b Racke Total (for two wickets)

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-62, 2-229. BOWLING: Lawson 10-3-25-0; Alde 62-1: Hogg 8-0-40-0; Rackemann Border 6-1-22-0; Wessels 4-0-24-0.

denied them the chance of consolidating their position and the Army, extremely fit, made a fine Andrew Gilbert-Scott, winner of

recovery to save the day. The Army's transformation was led by Wood, who had an outstanding game at centre half, stirring his forwards into activity and holding the defence together. For Civil Service, Dargo, a Scottish

international, was resourceful as a linkman on the left (although for the most part he looked like a forward), and scored two well-taken goals.
Four penalty strokes awarded in this match, the first of which was given to the Army in the third minute, when Gordon, who was moving fast inside the circle,

Civil Service victory minutes later, Langutra put Luckstrong angled shot

returned from racing in Australia.

ley Hayton; a new professional Glen Mitchell, who won nine

in long-distance events. He will take

single-day-race which has attracted

takes place at Waco. Texas, in April.

I'm aiready preparing for the race,"

Corley said yesterday
The race this Sunday, the first
event to count for the Elswick
Falcon Gold Cup, will give a
preliminary indication of the
strength of the Ever Ready
formation, and the four other major
teams, Raleigh-Wienmann, Falcon,
Modwel and Wiehtmann, Fibrar

Moducel and Wightman-Fibrax.

Late in the first half the Civil Service failed to convert a penalty stroke, Langutra's effort not being He did so at the first time of asking, and he had to retake it.

Army defence to score at high speed Five minutes after the interval Civil Service went into a 3-1 lead, Dargo scoring with some help from

themselves together for a spirited onslaught and drew level from two penalty strokes, both converted with superb timing by Jennings. In the dying seconds, they neatly won the game when a shot by Jolly from short corner went astray.

CIVIL SERVICE: M Wilson; P Glies (capt), Fleming, J languera, D Bradbury, A Betchel K Dargo, M Lichiurast, C Sastinier, L Newed, AMMY: Col. P Museon (RAPC); Sgt S Dor Dison (RCT), Capt S M R Engan (RE), Li

Up-and-go England

performance of England B last weekend is any guide, the A team, under their new coach, Jenny Cardwell, will be full of up-and-go and could run circles around Wales. Wales, who have about as many

England meet Wales tomorrow in their finest players since the war in the first international of the season at Gloucester and Phoenix cricket ground, Biahopston, Bristol. If the tournament at Old Trafford last

With his new national indoor record at 21.28, Lattany's after his recent victories was assessment of 20.3 for the largely missing from Mafe this youngster this year may not be an exaggeration. And that sort weck. Sore shins and pains after the removal of a bursar from time would have Mafe behind his left knee have challenging Cameron Sharp, restricted his training in the last Buster Watson, Donovan Reid and Drew McMaster for the two month, although the operation came before the good performspare places in the Olympic

Seddington reckons that Male is half a stone overweight but a week's training in La Santa in the Canaries helped Mafe admits to being sur-prised himself by sprinters like Wells and Pietro Mennea, the redresss the balance. They got back last weekend and Mafe had his first flat-out training session for a month last

stone and still growing, will not

Seddington has given up four days' television work to ac-

company his charge to Gothen-burg. But the ebullience that

kept us entertained at Cosford

escape notice on the street.

ation sounds motivated more by "It went well," Seddington incomrehension than apprecisaid. "If he can go through the ation. After all, these men in his heat and semi-final without any sights are almost as old as his frama, the final should be a ood one." He sounded as if he But also what impresses him knew something that we did not. The final list of competitors will about Mennea, and Calvin Smith, is that if you saw them be known today but there are only four possibles with margi-nally faster times that Mafe. on the street, you would not know they could run so fast -"thin, straggly little men yet, Europe could be in for a when you see them on the track. they just explode". Clearly Mafe, at 6ft lin and over 11

Pat Butcher



Douglas: chance to return. £10,000 offer to Douglas

By a Special Correspondent Desmond Douglas, England's one Desmond Douglas, England 3 one and truly world-class table tennis player, may at last be coming home after spending the whole of his professional career competing in the German Bundesliga. An offer of £10,000 from the English Table tennis Association (ETTA) is about to be made to the six-times national

to be made to the six-times national champion in return for playing and promoting the game in this country.

The offer, still to be ratified at tomorrow's management committee meeting, is one of the most enterprising moves the often-criticized association has made. It provides hope that the sport can at ast be properly promoted England.

England.
Quite how the beleasured ETTA, who were more than £40,000 in the red in the recent past, has found the necessary cash is something of a mystery. Why they want to do so is more clear. Doublas recently withdrew from the Eropean top 12 tournament and at the age of 28 repeated his frequently expressed opinion that he wants to cut down on

ravening. A retura to this country might hus create the double bene giving vitality to our own recently born by already moribund national league and of prolonging the career of arguably the finest player England has ever had. The problem is whether Douglas

rould accept the terms even though the £10,000 is in addition to the £4,000 he aiready receives from the ETTA. "We would have to draw up contract guaranteeing that he plays in certain events, assists in training and does a certain amount of PR work and exhibitions, orman Reeve, ETTA vice chairman, said. "If we pay a som like that be should promise things in return.

Prean recalled by England

Carl Prean, of the Isle of Wight, has been recalled to the England team for their final European League match against France at Guidford next Tuesday. The former England No 1 is selected after gaining two good wins in the recent European top 12 tournament. He lost his place because of noor form earlier in the season.

The other members of the side are

Desmond Douglas (Birmingham), Graham Sandley (Potters Bar) and Alison Gordon (Reading).

-The following evening England play France again in a non-league match at Rochford.

Ice packs, night caps and survivors on the longest day

From Rex Bellamy, Tennis Correspondent, New York

The second day's programme in confidence since she beat Mrs Lloyd the Virginia Slims championships, at Wimbledon. She attacked the final showpiece of the 12-month women's international circuit. lasted from 10 o'clock one morning until almost 2 o'clock the next. By that time it had seemed wise to make a tactical withdrawal to Eddie Condon's bar, ease the sense of shell-shock with jazz and a nightcao. and be thankful for the fact that only the singles final will be played over the best of five sets.

At 10 minutes short of 16 hours this was probably the longest day in the history of professional tennis — which would be appropriate because it was at Madison Square Garden hat it all began. Press con here have often taken on the flavour of sympathetic interviews with casualties. One player after another has turned up encased in ice packs and so much bandaging that they were almost mummified. It seems that in this game there are no

that in this game there are no winners, only survivors.

At the age of 18, Andrea Jaeger, always reluctant to attach much importance to the distinction between victory and defeat, is privately reported to be disenchanted after four years of professional tennis.

This remains a more valid competitive outing for the elite than the equivalent Masters tournament for men, which sinks into the tennis

for men, which sinks into the tennis trough called January. By contrast, the leading women have a reasonable chance to play themselves into form by the time they arrive on Broadway. During the first two days the seeding upsets - four in singles, one in doubles - did not affect the more fancied competitors. The singles were down to Martina

Navratiolova v Carling Bassett, Pam Shriver v Hana Mandlikova, Barbara Potter v Kathleen Horvath. and Helena Sukova v Chris Lloyd. vhose progress to the final should be easier than Miss Navratilova's. The doubles semi-finals tuned out to be Miss Navratilova and Miss Shriver v Rosalyn Fairbank and Candy Reynolds, and Joanna Durie and Ann Kiyomura v Billie Jean King and Sharon Walsh.

Miss Durie, one of the beaten singles seeds, had some consolation

small hours when she and Miss Kiyomura beat the fourth seeds, Kathy Jordan and Anne Smith. Miss Smith, mind you, has not been an assiduous competitor in the past year and Miss Jordan's competitive fires were burning low because she had been strenuously engaged for two hours and 18 minutes with Mrs Lloyd, who beat her 7-5, 4-6, 6-3. This was a fine match. Miss Jordan, who is technically unortho-

dox and has an unusually fussy service wind-up, has had more self-

at Wimbledon. She attacked persistently but discreetly, and her sliced backhand approach shots kept awkwardly low. Mrs Lloyd's counter-punching was just too seed for her, notably on the critical Mrs Lloyd, though smarter in her anticipation and sounder in her ball

anticipation and sounder in her ball control, had some loose patches. "I didn't have much confidence in any area of my game", she said later. "I never felt grooved with the victory. Once in a while you have days like that and just hope you get through them. If I'd been sharper I would have some in more often. have gone in more often. grace and breathtaking daring, took

an hour and 50 minutes to win 4-6. 6-2, 6-3 against Sylvia Hanika, who had won six of their seven previous indoor matches. Miss Hanika is a strongly-built left-hander who uses a wide variety of exaggerated spins. "I don't like playing her", Miss

No flag waving

Kunming, China (Reuter) - South Korean officials said yesterday that they had finally agreed there should be no national flags or anthems when play begins today in their first Davis Cup tie against China. In return, they seem to have scored a diplomatic point by prevailing on the Chinese organizers to refer to their Chinese organizers to refer to their

Thirty years after the Korean war, in which China fought alongside the communist North, there have been signs of a thaw in the mutual disdain ween Peking and Scoul.

Mandlikova said. "She has a funny game and I don't know expect."

expect.

Miss Mandlikova, nervous, was
1-5 down before finding her rhythm
with a run of three games. As far as
the first set was concerned that the first set was concerned, that burst was belated. Miss Hanika had chances to take charge of the second set, 100. The outcome hung in the balance until Miss Mandlikova struck - and maintained - a flashing vein that compounded the adventurous and the discreet. The drama was enhanced by the resonant bass of the umpire, who slowly intoned the score like a prophet of doom. The tournament is warming ne nicely.

DALLAS, (Reuter) - Buick will expand its sponsorship of sporting events by underwriting this year's World Championship Tennis finals

Bates throws racket and 'bored' tantrum

Although Jeremy Bates defeated George Jarck 3-6, 6-1, 6-4, in the quarter-finals of the LTA Masters at Bramhall, near Manchester, yesterday, the conversation he had with switched 10 another on whose the umpire at the end of the first set amply demonstrated the problems which lie abed of Paul Hutchins if he is to shape Bates into the kind of competitor on whom the British public would want to pin their

hopes in a Davis Cup.

In the final point of the set Bates,
who is 21, walked towards the
umpire's chair almost before Jarck's ervice had left his racket. "Am allowed to retire?" he asked Jeremy allowed to reture? The asked Jeremy Shales. "I could", Shales said, a little uneasily, "count you out under the code violation scheme – but what's the matter?" "I'm bored", Bates

Jarck thought that the match was his, and he was through to the semi-finals. When Bates decided to play on, the American exclaimed lightly that the umpire should have said "ves" to Bates's request and left it at that.

But in the time it took for him to fall to 0-5 in the second set he became rather more bitter. feeling I had", Jarck said after the match, "was that the umpire had coerced Jeremy into carrying on

ctrings he had inscribed the football club's initials. Just after Jarck had had his service broken to fall to 2-3 in the final set, the umpire told Bates that he would have to switch to yet another racket because it was illegal to have anything on the strings other than the maker's motif.
When Bates said that his other racket was in his car, Alan Mills, the tournament referee, agreed that he could play on with the "Stoke City" racket. All of which had Jarck complaining bitterly that exceptions

Stoke City football chib will no

Jarck went to Mills later to say he feit that he had been "cheated out of the match". He spoke also to Bates, who apparently agreed that the decisions taken were not necessarily

Bates was fined £35 for twice throwing his racket. The general view was that his remarks to the

QUARTER-FINALS Hampson (Aus) 5-3. 6-2: G Lavendecker (US) bt R Bathmen (Swe) 7-5. 6-1, J Betes bt G Jarck (US) 3-5. 6-1, 6-4: P Lundgren (Swe) bt G Haynes (US) 6-2. 6-4.

of view, the five-week circuit has been more expensive than expected

with costly accommodation the main drain on resources. Glen Layendecker, who won at Coventry

in the fourth week and is in the semi-finals, was speaking for most Americans when he said he would

have preferred it had there been less prize money but more in the way of

cheap housing.

This need to go carefully financially has also contributed to boredom. With hired cars out of the

question, the visiting players have found themselves tucked away in the indoor centres from first thing in

Satellite circuit may have to change its orbit From the overseas player's point

Paul Hutchins, the LTA's national team manager, will be weighing up the virtues of the LTA's

From the home players's point of icw, the tour has been of most use to Jeremy Bates and Stuart Bale. As have made the most impact on this international tour and have between matches played by Britain.

cally that it is not just in the matter of computer points that he has made an advance: "I played so many close matches on this circuit that as soon as things get tight I know I'm going to come out on top."

If the feeling is that not enough British players have benefitted from

this expensive exercise. Hutchins may well have had it put to him that he would do better to swich to a series of closed events in which our players could raise their standard by competing against each other. Again, he could spend the money on sending our better players to satellite events abroad.

the morning to last thing at night. They cannot get far on foot since new complexes tend to be in the middle of nowhere. The lack of practice facilities has been another crib du coeur but, on the plus side, there are a number of competitors who will tell you that they opted for our satellite tou preference to concurrent circuits in they like to be able to speak English. Lewine Mair

LACROSSE

US invitation to British teams By Peter Tatlow

Britain's lacross officials can scarcely believe that, after over 100 years of the game in Britain, their sport has at last been honoured by an invitation to a pre-Olympic ournament in Los Angeles from July 19 to 21. It came out of the blue from the United States and the Women's and Men's associations have accepted despite having to inance the tour themselves.

The women's tournament between Australia, Canada, United States and Britain. The women's home international season, strating at Crystal Palace this evening between England and England Reserves, with Wales v Scotland at Cardiff tomorrow, is

BOWLS

Bryant lines up fifth indoor title

By Gordon Allan

David Bryant will be trying to win the singles title for the fifth time in the British Isles indoor championships, sponsored by CIS, at Folkesione next Tuesday. In one semi-final round match he plays Michael Dunlop, the Irish cham-The pairs, triples and fours will be

international series, won by England at Ardrossan last year, starts on Wednesday and ends on Friday. It is expected that during these championships the World Indoor Rowls Council will meet to settle the vexed question of whether or not to move the world indoor champion-ship from Coatbridge 10 an English

stadium next year.

played the same day. The home

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Piquet, the winner of the British Formula Three series in 1978.

He has since signed a contract to



Pocock and Underwood, and the two spinners in the party, Gifford and Edmonds. Only once, back in 1962, have England achieved more than a Marks and Cook, and Cowans is preferred to Foster and Dilley on his form in the last of the Test Matches in New Zealand. There is, I sense, no Test Three reasons were given for the inclusion of Gatting in match fever here such as there was in the winter of 1982-83 preference to the two regular openers, Tavare and Fowler.

CRICKET

England's latest tale of

the unexpected gives

Gatting opening chance

The selection of both Cook

when Australia and India were being beaten out of sight. Since Tavare has been in no sort of touch, either in New Zealand or in the nets here, and the problems which Fowler had with Boock in the Auckland Test Match were seen as a

against a Pakistan side with three spinners in it. Gaiting, on the other hand, is considered by Willis to be "a pretty good player of slow bowling" It is an unexpected chance for Gatting. As Willis also said: "Time is, in some ways, running out for him". Gatting played his first Test Match in Karachi, in January 1978, before he had even made a firstclass hundred. This will be his twenty-seventh and he is still struggling to take root. He has

1982 as a way of getting him into the England side against disastrous tour of Australia. Without Imran their game has lost the stability which he India in England. For everyone except Imran Khan, trying to bowl fast in brought to it. His injury, a stress fracture, can in certain cases be Pakistan has become, since the one that never heals. If it seems end of matting pitches in 1959. strange that he is not playing as the game's least rewarding passime. Lillee and Thomson Australia recently he each had one tour here. Lillee unwise to do even that. took three wickets including one nightwatchman, for 303 runs, and Thomson's three cost only eight runs fewer. Imran's 53 wickets in nine Tests against Australia and India in the winter of 1982-83, at someting

seldom gone in first for anyone,

although the selectors ap-

proached him about doing so in

His and Miandad's absence from the series is bound to affect the gates, let alone Pakistan's chances. But for England to win one of the three Tests would still be a big surprise. Since the first, on New Year's Day 1955, Pakistan have

Gatting: surprise opener

then Pakistan have had a bad

World Cup in England and a

batsman, I gather that in

Test to provinces

Lord's may lose a

Also on the agenda is a proposal to "tidy up" the rules of the John Player Special League. This would allow umpires to order completely new matches of a set number of overs when the original game has been badly disrupted by the weather. It is widely felt that under present regulations the least batting second has too great an advantage in rais-

restricted games.

The meeting will also decide whether to give sumpires stricter guidelines on when they should consider suspending play for bad light. It is proposed that play should be halted only when there is a risk of physical injury to the batsmen, after consideration of the sight screens or

of bowlers in action at the time.

Attempts to sort out the qualification rules for overseas

players in county cricket - on which counties have so far failed to ee – will be left to a special

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-4, 2-23, 3-62, 4-126, 5-164, 6-169, 7-226, 8-231.

BOWLING: John 18-4-60-4; G N de Sâva 10.4-1-26-1; A R de Sîva 26-8-81-2; Kaluperume 11-3-28-0; Perera 6-1-25-0; Ranatunge 11-4-33-1. SRI LANKA COLTS: First innings E R N S Fernando not out.....

H Madugate, G de Alevis, S Warnakufasuriya, A Ranatunga, S Kaluperuma, A de Stva, G Perere, V John and G de Séva to bat.

MOTOR CYCLING

Racing Ralt-Toyota, and has shown esting despite a minimum of previous experience. Overseas challengers will include the Canadian Allen Berg, a Formula

was brought down by Giles. Jolly converted to give the Army the lead, which was short-lived. Four

hurst through a gap in the defence, and the outside right scored with a

but the whistle had not been blown, In the last minute of a prolong second half, which went into injury time, Civil Service took a wel deserved lead. Dargo taking advan-

The Army, however, gathered

weekend and has retired after 112 full caps in 17 years. Miss Morrow also captained Wales and Great Britain and whatever her position on the field, as centre half or back, she was



BOXING

Barrett comes out fighting again

By Srikumar Sen

It is the night of the heavies at It is the night of the heavies at Wembley on March 13. Frank Bruno, Britain's world No 10, takes on Juan Gulliver Figueroa, the Argentine champion; Trevor Berbick, the Commonwealth champion and world No 6. faces Mark "White Lightning" Lee, of Newada; and Funso Banjo uses Leroy Diggs, of New Jersey, to show that he has improved 1,000 per cent since the last time he was given the bird at the Albert Hall.

Yet it is Bobby Rico Hoye, the

Albert Hall.

Yet it is Bobby Rico Hoye, the man in the middle of the British middleweights, who sticks out like the Old Man of Hoy. He has been booked by Mike Barrett to box Mark Kaylor, and Frank Warren, Barrett's bitter rival, also has the appropriate to the fore Front. American lined up to face Errol Christie a week later at the Ricomsbury Crest Hotel, London. Bloomsbury Crest Hotel, London. Warren claimed yesterday that he had just received a telegram from

Hoye's manager, Billy Gutz saying that he would be boxing for him on March 21. Barrett maintained though somehow, I felt, with not too great a conviction - that Hoye would be showing up at Wembler Barrett said that though he did not have a written contract with Gutz. "In this hard game a man's word is his bond. I have never had

contracts with anybody. Everthings been on trust. I have never in my 25 years in the game known a case where, having made a deal, another promoter has gone behind you to get a man. It is a form of piracy."

Barrett was clearly not pinning his faith on Hoye's manager. "Let us see what the fighter is going to do," he said. "The situation will be threned our in the next few

days."
The Wembley promoter said he would not be losing any sleep over the matter. "So far as I am concerned, Hoye has contracted to fight Mark Kaylor and I trust that the board will refuse to let Hoye

fight somebody else.

Barrett has not yet protested to the board. Kaylor himself did not seem too bothered whom he boxed, so long as he did not miss fighting Sibson one of these days. "I wish I could watch it", he said.

The beavyweight opponents have not yet arrived but Barrett said they would be here on Wednesday. Berbick, however, did meet his g-lost brother and sister, who he has not seen for 30 years. They left Jamaica for Britain when he was a baby. He joined the American Navy before settling in Canada.

Berbick said that now he had found two of his family of 12, he would be a regular visitor to Britain and would box under Micky Duff's management. While Brugo was in Florida finishing off his training. Berbick took him under his wing a showed him the ropes. We could see some of those tricks at Wembley on

SCHOOLS RUGBY

Emphasis on North in trial sides

The England 18-group selectors moved a step nearer deciding the team to meet Wales at Cambridge on April 11 with their choice of the sides for the final trial at Nottingham on March 10.

This followed a thoroughly satisfactory North v Midlands match at Selby last Saturday, played on an excellent surface encouraged open rugby with a minimum amount of kicking. There were a number of

permutations in the three 25-minute periods, so it was hardly true to say that the North played the Midlands nevertheless, the North's player Carling and Priestley, came out with

Last Saturday Sevenoaks, who have had a dissapointing season, were cheered by a 21-9 victory over Emanuel. The Sevenoaks pack were in good form and their scrum-half scored two tries. The Sevenoaks their 18, matches, with two drawn. are young, so that prospects for next season seem much brighter

West Park unbeaten after 25 matches, have lost at last, but their remarkable record is still intact. This apparent illogicality is explained by the circumstances of their defeat, which was in the final of the Waterloo 15-a-side tournament last Sunday, in which they went down 12-6 to Wirral GS, scoring a late converted penalty try in the second half to the wenners' goal dropped goal and penalty. tourists this spring the former having just returned from their first trip to France. They took 36 boys. heating St Pol under-19s 38-0 under floodlights and, on Sunday, Bou-logne 23-0,

Leeds were visiting Portugal for the third time and won all three matches played:

The trial teams are:

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TEAM A: P Hamer (Lancaster RGS): P Hopley
(St Benedict's, Ealing). W Carting (Sectiough).

J Priestley (Bradford GS). C Mercedith (St
Mary's, Crosby): J Selectio (London Cratory), A
Suzza (Redrum): N Benbury (Amold Hill CS,
Nottingham). D Haley (John Wilmort GS, Sutton
Cokafeld). P Thompson (Ampledorth). A Coller
(Arnold Hill CS). M Uper (Nistherhall,
Cambridge). D Hay (Lynchurst, Gasselhead). T
Connor (Lancaster RGS), S Bryant
(Sherborne). Cornor (Lancaster RGS), 8 Bryant (Sherborne).

TEAM B: A Hobbe (Cranleigh): 1 McFarlang (Lancaster RGS), N Smith (Cranleigh): T Outton (Ampletorih). J Boual (Ooua): D Billington (Kirble Kendal), G Sephion (Cowley HS; W Rewding (Berkhamsted), M Ems (Worthing Snith Form Collega). J Chartield (Cabarham). D Spirk (Wellington, Crowthorne), A Blackmore (Bedminster). T Jones (Cranleigh). M Sweet: (Suron HS. Plymouth). J Weby (CEGS, Walsfeld).

TODAY'S FIXTURES

Abertilery v Aberavon (7.0); Bristol Contypoid (7.15); Moseley v Batckhea Reath v Pontypool (7.0); Northampton

BASKETBALL NATIONAL LEAGUE: First division: K Bolton (8 0). OTHER SPORT

BADMINTON: Under-18 champlenships (Court 5 C. Breitze, Peterborough, 3.30). SNOCKER: Yamahi international (Assembly Rooms, Derby, 2.0 and 7.0). SQUASH RACKETS: Scottish open (Grange Country Club, Dundee, 6.0).

RACING

John Bunyan in mood to dash Greenall's hopes

By Michael Phillips, Racing Correspondent

race day for his benefit at Haydock Park this afternoon when the entire programme has been sponsored by six different companies. Barry was elected to receive the first testimonial ever awarded to a jump jockey because of his outstanding contribution to the sport during a riding career that spanned 20 years and ended last October. No one has worked harder to

ensure the success of the testimonial than the former champion amateur Peter Greenall, who is both chairman of the fund raising committee and a director of the Stretton Automatics Limited, the sponsors of the Hunters chase this afternoon.

So a victory for Greenall, on this own horse Titan Wood in his firm's race would be singularly appropriate. However sentiment must not be allowed to get in the way of reason and it is hard to envisage Titan Wood being good enough to beat that smart point-to-pointer and budding hunter chaser John Bunyon who excelled at Doncaster only last Saturday when he failed by balf a length to give 111b to

Swiftwood.

Gill O'Whiskey and Connought Ranger, who had both won their previous races were, well beaten off in third and fourth places, thereby drawing further attention to the merit of

that form. Rathgorman, a former winner of the Queen Mother Champion Chase at Cheltenham, may not be the force he was once. But following that run at Huntingdon last week, which should have helped to blow away the cobwebs after such a lengthy absence, he could still be up to beating Pounentes and Clayside in the Grunhalle Lager praise heaped u Handicap Steeplechase. His Ireland last year

GOING: Good

The highlight of the Ron stable companion Mac's Park Barry testimonial year is the should complete a double for Michael Dickinson and Graham Bradley by winning the Vladivar Vodka Handicap At Newbury John Francome

will be presented with the Amoco Jockey of the Month award for February. Becoming only the second man to ride 1,000 winners under National Hunt rules probably influenced the majority of the panel rather than any one result during the month.

Francome's next target is to beat Stan Mellor's record of 1034. Today there is a good chance that he will get closer to that goal, thanks to victories on Aces Wild (2.30) Romany Nightshade (3.00) and Hazy Sunset (4.30). Aces Wild, my selection for

the Steel Plate and Sections Young Chasers qualifier, ought to be far happier now that he is racing over two and a half miles again. He found two miles too sharp for him at Ascot last month when he was beaten a length by Cybrandian. Before that he had beaten Linawn by a dozen lengths in the Killiney Novices Steeplechase, over today's distance at Ascot,

Romany Nightshade, my selection for the Arkell Brewry Handicap Steeplechase seems to be improving with every race and I will be surprised if either Lucyfar or Royal Mere can give him this weight.

Bajan Sunshine, the winner

of the Cesarewich last Autumn, made a siccessful start to his jumping career when he won at Sandown last month. But well though he jumped that day. beating Bold Print by half a lenght was nothing to write home about and I prefer to give Hazy Sunset another opportunity to justivy all the lavish praise heaped upon him in



Ben's Birdie (left) leading Golden Brigadier on his way to victory in the second division of the Orpington Novices' Hurdle at Lingfield (Photograph: Ian Stewart).

Great Light shows old sparkle

The trainer John Jenkins won at Lingfield yesterday with his first runner since moving to new stables at Epsom this week and cuded up before the stewards.

Jenkins' Great Light, who completed a treble for John ne, the man of the moment, beat the 3-1 on favourite, Churches Green, in the Three Counties Handicap Hurdle. The six-year-old, disappointing all season, won easily by five lengths, despite conceding two stone to the runner-up, who was attempting to win his fifth race in a

The stewards asked Jenkins to explain this improvement com-pared to Great Light's lacklustre effort at Wincanton last week. They accepted the explanation that the West Country run was hindered by a poisoned foot, and throughout the season the horse had suffered from

shoulder stiffness.
Francome said that Great Light. felt a different horse this time, enjoyed his racing, jumped well, and

Ballot is

threat

to Kumbi

Donald McCain's dream

Kumbi following in Red Rum's Grand National footsteps may be thwarted by the probable ballot on the big Aintree race. The Southport.

trainer is keen to run Kumbi, winner

f yesterday's Forbra Gold Cup a

Ludiow, in the National but the

gelding has only 9st 5lb and may be balloted out.

Beryl McCain, standing in for her husband, said: "Obviously we are keen to have a crack at the big one but with the weight situation we may have to go for the Kaltenberg Pils Chase instead," Kumbi was well ridden by Kevin Doola, although the same and the same the

there was a moment of alarm on the

the last on the far side, Kumbi was

in a decisive lead when he made for a

leace which is only jumped first time

round. Doolan, having his first ride on the course, quickly pointed him

back in the right direction and Kumbi stayed on strongly to beat

Doolan joined McCaia in Decem

ber on John O'Nelli's recommen-dation. He has had spells in Ireland

with Michael O'Brien and in America with O'Brien's brother,

There was a biccup at the

presentation ceremony, when it was discovered that the previous holder

had forgetten to bring the challeng

cup. It will now be presented at the

Norman Babbage, who fell from Corby Wood at the sixth, was taken

to Shrewsbury hospital with chest

Another Liverpool-bound hors

is, appropriately, Seagram, who carries the name of the National

sponsors. He was an emphatic winner of the Coverdale Novices

Hurdle. Partnered by Jimmy Frost, he led at the last and drew steadily

clear to beat Aisayegh by seven

David Barons, Seagram's trainer

said: "We've had some years in the doldrums because the borses were moderate. I've better quality horses

Zealand-bred horsees arriving next

Intoxicated was a 33-1 winner of the Aldon Handicap Chase after being left in a clear lead when his closest pursuer, Skeheens, was fatally injured in a fall at the twelfth

xt meeting ou March 23,

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Laurensun by 2½ lengths.

since moving to England.

needed no driving. Turning into the straight. Churches Green led Great Light, but Mark Perrett brought the Stan Mellor-trained five-year-old Stan Mellor-trained five-year-old towards the stands side, while Francome hugged the far rail, looking for better ground.

Mellor said afterwards: "The horse wandered back to the centre of the track, where the worse ground was. He also finished slightly lame." Jenkins said: "Great Light has just come right now. It's the first time he's had soft ground all year." He added that Great Light's likely arget is the Imperial Cup, for which he escapes a penalty.

Francome's treble took him closes to his next milestone - he now needs only another three winners to be the first jockey to ride centuries in four successive seasons.

He started the afternoon with a

victory on Orange Reef in the first division of the Oprington Novice's Hurdle, But Gay Kindersley's fouryear-old, bought for 40,000 guineas out of Jercmy Tree's stable, had to

Francome reported, "The ground has just a bit sticky for him. He needs it a bit wetter.
Francome had an easy win on
Mossy Moore, who completed a
five-timer in the Manifesto Novice's Chase. Francome went to the 999

mark on Mossy Moore at Kempton on Saturday, and the eight-year-old has shown so much improvement this season that his permit holder Brian Chinn has not entered him for any of the novice events at Cheltenham. Reistol-based Chinn said: "John

told me afterwards that it is a sharpe we cannot run him in the 'Arkle', he's very impressed by the horse. I'll probably run him at Sandown next, before going to Aintree for the novice handicap over two and a half miles. He may then run in the Future Champins Chase at Ayr."

A familiar face at the Surrey track, Straight Jocelyn, recorded his

Haydock Park

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5-2 Echo Sounder, 7-2 Private Label, 4 Just Alick, 6 King Jo., 10 Red Ripple, Gold teamer, 14 Prince Reviewer, 20 others. 2.15 STRETTON AUTOMATICS HUNTER CHASE (Amateurs: £852: 3m) 7 11-32 JOHN BUNYAN (Mrs R Newton) Mrs R Newton 9-12-7
1212 TITAN WOOD (BF) (P Greenal) P Greenal 7-12-7
1212 TITAN WOOD (BF) (P Greenal) P Greenal 7-12-7
1212 TITAN WOOD (BF) (P Hotoson) D Hodgson 7-12-0
120000- HOT PRETENCE (D Hodgson) D Hodgson 7-12-0
1202 Compton Lad 10-12-7 D Browns (1-3 fee) M W Dickhalon 8 ran

2.45 GRUNHALLE LAGER HANDICAP CHASE (£2,223: 2m) (3) 8-11 Rathonman, 6-4 Clavelde, 6 Pounentes.

3.15 VLADIVAR VODKA HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,425: 2m 4f) (16)

3.45 G W HOTELS NOVICE CHASE (Amateurs: £1,594: 2m) (5)

4-7 Blackfest, 9-4 Wealthy, 6 Northern Man, 33 Nimbo. Sparkling mon. I.15 GREENALL WHITLEY HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,348: 2m) (14) RODACE (H Benson) W Whiteton 5-10-6 LIPESTYLE (D) (Mrs F Cross) J Townson 6-10-2 CORYEN (B) LJ Hopf Orlos) B Williamson 7-10-0 ROCKMAN (Mrs P Rigbry Mrs P Rigbry 6-10-0 1985: Outschoon 7-10-0 M Popt (12-1) R Hartop 24 ran.

160-30 Emandar, Karanomore, 4 Havernyood, 8 Hagen Queen, Legal Emperor, 19 Dou liscount, 14 Scottish Dream, An-Go-Look, 20 others.

TOMORROW'S ADVANCE GOING: Herefor good to soft, Market Raser; good to soft.

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200 ORPHIGTON NOVICES' HURDLE (Div. 1;

TOTE: Wirt. \$1.60. Places: \$1.10, \$1.60, \$15.00. DF: \$2.30. CSF: \$5.82. G Kindersley at East Gasston. 6. 2. Eves Great (9-2) 4th, 15 ran. NR: Eurolink Boy, Colonel Godfrey. 2.30 R E SASSOON HUNTERS' CHASE (arreteurs: £841; 3m)

AMORPHISTON NOVICES HURDLE (Div.

3.30 JERRY M HANDICAP CHASE (83.118: 2m 47
STRAIGHT JOCEL YH b g by Streight Lad —
Black Bess (D Jackson) 12-11-10
A Watober (8-13 lay) 7
Thepoline ________S smith Recises (5-1) 2
Ressury Count ______S C Gray (5-2) 3 TOTE: Win: £1.70. DF; £2.10. CSF; £3.23. R Imytage at East Reley, 8, 12, 3 ran.

4.15 ALDON HANDICAP CHASE (E1.419: 2)

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of those newspapers by TBF. On learning of that the NUJ, who apparently at that stage did not know that TBF was a different company from T. Bailey Forman Ltd with which they were in long-standing dispute, instructed the NUJ journalists employed by evidence before the judge disclosed any perceptible likelihood of a defence by the NUJ upon that ground turning out to be successful at the trial of the action. NUJ journalists employed by Dimbleby to refuse to provide copy to Dimbleby for printing by TBF. With that instruction, given on

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17 of the 1980 Act.
Section 17(2) would exclude from the definition of "secondary action" any inducement of the NUJ journalists to break or interfere with

beir contracts of employment by Dimbleby, and that would prevent any resulting breach or interference with the performance of any contract between Dimbleby and a

third party from giving rise to an

There was, however, in the evidence before the judge no vestige of any claim by the NUJ itself or by

the NUJ journalists that their

current contracts of employment by

Dimbleby - and it was only their current contracts that could be

contained a term entitling them to

refuse to comply with instructions

given to them by Dimbleby to provide copy of the kind that they

were employed to obtain, if they received instructions to the contrary

Indeed, it passed beyond the bounds of credibility that any responsible newspaper proprietor would agree to such a term.

judge made it perfectly clear that the NUJ journalists acknowledged that by refusing to provide copy for the Dimbleby newspapers so long as they were to be printed by TBF they

were breaking their contracts, albeit they were doing so reluctantly upon the instructions, enforceable by

the instructions, enforceable by disciplinary sanctions, that had been given to them by the NUJ.

But for the fact that contrary to

the unanimous opinion of the Court

of Appeal, the judge himself appeared to have thought that there

was a trade dispute between Dimbleby and the NUJ as to the terms and conditions of employ-

ment by Dimbleby of the NUJ

journalists his Lordship would not have thought that on that issue the evidence before the judge raised any arguable question to be tried; but

having regard (as section 17(2) of

the 1974 Act commanded) to the likelihood of the NUJ's succeeding

Their Lordships were also invited

cristed a trade dispute between Dimbleby and the NUJ, namely

That contention did not appear to

have been advanced on behalf of the

NUI before either the judge or the Court of Appeal. Even if an argument to that effect could have

been advanced with any degree of

plausibility before the amendment

of section 29 of the 1974 Act by section 18 of the 1982 Act all vestige of plausibility was removed by the amended definitions of

trade dispute" and "worker" found

The effect of section 18(2) was to

edefine "trade dispute" as a dispute

between workers and their employer

more of the matters listed in section

relevant, provided that " 'worker' in

employer means a worker employed

So allocation of work or duties of

employment between workers or groups of workers as a possible subject of a trade dispute was now

limited to demarcation issues

workers employed by the same employer. The likelihood of the NUJ succeeding in that particular

It was not now disputed that in

October 1983 there was still in

existence a trade dispute between the NUJ and T. Bailey Forman. That had the consequence that it

became necessary to apply the four-

stage process of examination of the

facts in evidence before the judge

which, according to the analysis of

the section by their Lordships' House in Merkur Island Shipping Corpn v Laughton ([1983] 2 AC 570)

was called for by section 17 of the

Upon the issues that were involved in that four-stage process the first contention for the NUI was

that the evidence before the judge

did not disclose that a failure by Dimbleby to provide copy to be printed by TBF would constitute a breach of any primary obligation of Dimbleby to TBF under the oral

It was the fact that the particulars

of the primary obligations of each party under that contract which

were deposed to in the affidavits before the judge were scanty; but

since the avowed intention of the NUJ was to prevent the printing contract from being performed at all, the likelihood of the NUJ's

succeeding at the trial upon its

argument on that issue was small

unless at the trial further evidence

could be adduced to show that the

printing contract was not a synallagmatic contract at all but a

without any obligations on the part

In any event there was sufficient

evidence before the judge of contracts between Dimbleby and

various advertisers under which Dimbleby undertook primary obli-

gations to publish advertisements in

particular positions in consecutive weekly issues of Dimbleby news-

papers extending long beyond October 1983, which would be broken if the NUJ journalists

refused to provide the necessary

of Dimbleby as to its duration

1980 Acl

printing contract.

29(1). Section 18(6), so far as

n subsections (2) and (6).

The evidence that was before the

relevant to that argument

action in tort.

from the NUJ.

Little time needed to be spent upon the argument on behalf of the NUJ, which was purely one of statutory construction, that TBF. although a separate corporate entity from T. Bailey Forman Ltd was nevertheless a party to the trade dispute between the NUJ and the latter company.

Lordship did not think that the

October 10, 1983, the NUJ journalists complied. As a result of that refusal which they persisted in, they were suspended from their employment and so remained. The reason why English statutory law, and that of all other trading The simplest argument advanced on behalf of the NUJ was that the countries, had long permitted the creation of corporations as artificial NUJ journalists' refusal, on the instructions of the NUJ, to provide copy to Dimbleby constituted in itself a trade dispute between persons distinct from their indivi-dual shareholders and from that of any other corporation even though workers and their employer within the meaning of section 29 of the the shareholders of both corporations were identical, was to enable of the meaning of section 29 of the 1974 Act as amended by section 18 of the 1982 Act.

The simplicity of the argument that in the fact that it obviated the incressity of entering into the legislative maze created by section 17 of the 1980 Act. business to be undertaken with limited financial liability in the event of the business proving to be a

The "corporate veil" in the case of companies incorporated under the Companies Act was drawn by statute so provided; but in view of its raison d'etre and its consistent recognition by the courts since Salomon v Salomon & Co [(1897)AC 22) one would expect that any parliamentary intention to pierce the corporate veil would be expressed in clear and unequivocal

His Lordship did not wholly exclude the possibility that even in the absence of express words stating that in specified circumstances one company, although separately incor-porated, was to be treated as sharing the same legal personality of another, a purposive construction of the statute might nevertheless lead inexprably to the conclusion that such must have been the intention of Parliament

It was argued for the NUJ in the instant case that because TBF and T. Bailey Forman Ltd were operating companies with identical shareholding and were companies of which a single holding company had control. TBF as well as T. Bailey Forman Ltd was an "employer who is party to the dispute" between the

NUJ and T. Bailey Forman Ltd. That seemed to be a quite impossible construction to put upon the phrase "an employer who is a party to the dispute" in the context which it appeared in section 17 (3). That subsection was followed immediately by subsection (4) which dealt with secondary action against an "associated employer"

By subsection (7), the definition of the expression "associated employer" in the 1974 Act was adopted for the purposes of section provided that:

... any two employers are to be treated as associated if one is a or if both are companies of which a third person (directly or indirectly) has control; and in this. Act associated employer shall be construed accordingly".

in that particular defence at the trial, his Lordship agreed with the Court of Appeal that the likelihood was TFB was thus an associated employer of T. Bailey Forman Ltd. Section 17(4) read in conjunction with section 17(1)(b), legalised a to consider an alternative ground on which it was submitted that there particular kind of secondary action if it was directed against an "associated employer of an employer who is a party to the allocation of work or the duties dispute", although it would be unlawful if it were directed against of employment between workers or groups of workers" within the meaning of section 29(1)(d) of the any other person.

1974 Act; the allocation sought to be relied upon being the allocation between workers employed by Dimbleby Printers Ltd (not Dim-If one were to accept the construction of section 17(3) of the 1980 Act for which the NUJ contended, subsection (4) would be entirely otiose: and if an associated employer were ipso facto an employer who is a party to the suit the phrase in subsection 4 would make nonsense

In the passage cited from American Cyanamid Co v Ethicon Ltd it was said that it was no part of the court's function on an application for an interlocutory injune tion to decide difficult auestic argument and mature consider-

The argument that as a matter of statutory construction TBF as an associated company of T. Bailey Forman Ltd was "an employer who is a party to the dispute" within the meaning of section 17(3) of the 1980 which fell within that category. It was one which their Lordships

were justified in disposing of by saying that it was unsustainable.

The same applied to the argument that Dimbleby was estopped from denying that the printing contract was entered into with T. Bailey Forman Ltd. because Dimbleby first told the NUI that he had made arrangements for the printing of the Dimbleby newspapers in Nottingham, he left them with the impression that the contract under which that was to be done was a contract with T. Bailey

Any misapprechension under which the NUJ might have originally laboured, however, as to which company was the party to the printing contract had been removed before the date when the interlocutory injunctions were granted; so no estoppel, even if there might have been one previously, could still be relied upon then.

damages recoverable at the trial the period before the NUI discovered the mistake under which had been labouring if they proved that the mistake was induced by a representation by Dimbleby.

Finally upon the whether an appellate court would be which the Judge exercised his discretion, his Lordship could not discern in the judge's judgment any misunderstanding of the evidence before him, and although, like the Court of Appeal, his Lordship thought the judge misunderstood the law in thinking that there was any trade dispute in existence between Dimbleby and the NUJ or the NUI journalists at the time when the NUI was alleged to have induced the journalists to break their current contracts with Dimble-by, the only consequence of correcting that error of law was to

stronger rather than weaker No ground had been shown that would have entitled the Court of Appeal or would entitle their Lordships to interfere with the exercise by the judge of his

of the interlocutory injuncti

Lord Fraser, Lord Scarman, Lord Bridge and Lord Brandon agreed. Solicitors: Bindman & Partners.

Newbury BBC [Televised: 2.30, 3.0, 3.30] Tote double: 3.0, 4.0. Treble: 2.30, 3.30, 4.30

2.0 WHATCOMBE NOVICE HURDLE (Div I: £1,601: 2m 100yd) (14

5-2 Penny Bank, 3 Deep Prospect, 9-2 Rhymer's Tower, 13-2 Knock Cross, 9 Indian Major, 14 Captain Courage, Kingholm Quay, 20 others. 2.30 STEEL PLATE & SECTIONS NOVICE CHASE (Qualifier: £2,501: 2m

ACES WILD (D) (Mrs M Valentine) F Winter 6-11-11 .. LINAWN (Stype Wood Stud) N Henderson 7-11-11
WEST TIP (D) (BF) (P Luff) M Ceiver 7-11-11
ARAMOSS (Ner D Fincher) N Gestee 7-11-3
ALITUMN SUN (BF) (E Rewison) D Eleventh 7-11-3 214 190030 PALATRIATE (Capt J Macdonatd-Buchanen) D Nicholson 8-215 47244p SEVEN ACRES (Nes A D'Arcy) I Wardle 6-11-3 1963: Solid Rock 7-11-11 R Davies (3-1) D Barons, 8 ran. 8-11 Aces Wild, 7-2 West Tip., 7 Linewn, 8 Palatinate, 14 Autumn Sun, 16 others.

FORM: Aces Wild (11-13) 2nd beaten 11 to Cybrandien (rec 10ib) 8 ran. Acot 2m nov chase Feb 8 good. Aramosa going well when brought down 3 out settler (10-8) 4th beaten 1914 to Romany Nightshade (gave 15b) 16 ran. Ludiow 2m 41 nov h cap chase Feb 8 soft. Antumin Sun (10-8) 2nd besten 12th 15 sun Remain (11-8) 2nd besten 12th 15 sun Remain (11-7) 8th beaten 30 to Carved Opal (rec 48) Fran. Chepstow 2m 41 nov chase Feb 18 soft. West Tip (11-7) 3rd beaten 7to Hy-ko (level) 14 ran. Uttozers 7m 2f nov chase Feb 18 soft. West Tip (11-7) 3rd beaten 7to Hy-ko (level) 14 ran. Uttozers 7m 2f nov chase Feb 18 soft. Feb 25 good.

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3.0	ARKELL	BREWERY HANDICAP CHASE (£3,137: 2m 160yd) (10)
301	31-(301	LUCYFAR (R Smith) F Walwym 8-11-11 (7 ex)
303	413-0pp	BROADLEAS (CD) (Mrs J Mould) D Nicholson 10-11-10N Madden
305	p21021	ROYAL MERE (Sir J Hanmer) Mrs M Plimel 7-11-5
308 309	0-021fp	MIDNIGHT SONG (Mrs D Price) T Forster 9-11-0S Smith Forles
309	00p230/	CARRIGEEN HILL (LI-Col R Faulkner) J Fox 13-11-0Lt Col Faulkner
310	20-9 ₀ 02	RAMEENSHIRA (Racegoers Club) R Armytags 8-10-12
311	2-31101	HOMANY NIGHTSHADE (R Steed) T Forster 8-10-12 Francome
315	0-45,320	CAPTAIN SHADOW (D Ancil) D Ancil 7-10-4G McCourt
317	2440-00	MUGO (C Beack) C Williams 9-10-0
318	11p-4p4	STILL HOPE (Sir H Carley) A Turnel 8-10-0
		STILL HOPE (Sir H Calley) A Turnell 8-10-0 Stave Knight 1883: Beacon Light 12-11-1 E Waits (6-1) A Turnell, 8 ran.
!	9- Raheensi	hira, 3 Romany Nichtshade, 9-2 Royal Mere, 11-2 Lucyter, 8 Michight Song, 12

FORM: Captain Shadow (10-9) 5th besten 261 to Don't Wait (rec 4lb) 12 ran. Haydock 2m 4f h'cap chase Jan good to soft. Lucyter (11-4) won 61 from Reheemshire (gave 1lb) 6 ran. Windsor 2m h'cap chase Feb 18 good, Remany Nightshede (11-10) won 11/2 from Nemaric 5the (rec 28lb) 18 ran. Luckow 2m 4f row h'cap chase Feb 8 soft. Royal Mere (11-12) won 1/2 from Netherbridge from 18lb) 10 ran. Luckow 2m h'cap chase Feb 8 soft. Still Hope (11-6) 4th besten 321 to Fearless Imp.

3.30 DAILY MIRROR CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS (handicap hurdle: E1,998: 3m 120yd) (17)

401 382-39 MASTER ANDREW (Cusen Mother) F Walwyn 9-12-6
402 0400-0 FARMER (R Hawker) R Hawker 9-12-2
406 02:004 RODANA DARE (B) (Nrs D Cousins) J Jeridins 8-11-3
406 000-009 PRINCE OF BEFRIEIDA (B) (R Kelly R Harpo 9-11-1
410 000311 ANEX (T Hayward) Mrs N Smith 7-10-11 (6 ed)
411 00ud1 PORTUNE COOKE (R Entwhistle) J Fox 12-10-11 (6 ed)
412 34-349 ELACK ROD (B) (B) (A Bester) N Mitchell 7-10-9
413 101000 PHARACH'S GWN I J Devise) J Balear 7-10-7
419 101000 PHARACH'S GWN I J Devise) J Balear 7-10-7
420 03-2300 PALAESTRINA (N GOOGH) [Dudgeon 11-10-7
421 20-10-20 MISTER PITT (J Brooks) T Jones 5-10-7
422 0-3y200 MISTER PITT (J Brooks) T Jones 5-10-7
423 0-3y200 MISTER PITT (J Brooks) T Jones 5-10-7
424 000000 HTZGAYLE (A Derington) D Barrins 5-10-7
430 4000-4 OUESTURNERS (MISS J Gouph) H Wites 9-10-7
431 MSCROOL THE VINCEAR MAN (J Foxt J Fox 12-10-7
432 000000 HTZGAYLE (A Derington) D Barrins 5-10-7
433 190000 HARRYDUF (F Dufosee) P Dufosee 8-10-7
1983: Mac Kelly 9-10-7 J Lovejoy (16-1) T Bulgen, 25 tan £1,998: 3m 120yd) (17) 1983: Mac Kelly 9-10-7 J Lovek

7-4 Anex, 100-30 Fortune Cookie, 6 Master Andrew, 8 Idiana Dare, 10 Palamer, 14 Mister Pitt, 16 others. FORthit Anex (10-10) won 12 from Navajo Brave (geve 12b) 16 ran. Folkastona 2m 5t h'cap hdie Fab 23 soft. Fermer (11-3) 6th beaten 20t to Lon Hill (rec 20tb) 11 ran. Chetenham 3m 1t h'cap hdie Cot 26 firm. Fertane Cookie (8-7) won 4t from Bowden (geve 11b) 15 ran. Sandown 2m 5t h'cap hdie Fab 17 good. Indiana Dare (11-3) 4th beaten 40t to Gaye Charce (evel) 6 ran. Kempton 3m hdie Fab 25 good to firm. Master Andrew (12-1) 8th beaten over 5t to Krug (rec 9tb) 18 ran. Newbury 2m 4t 120/h frap hdie Fab 10 good to soft. Pharestr's 0wh (11-0) 5th beaten 8t to Rebeg (svel) 23 ran. Worcester 2m 4f nov hdie Fab 15 soft. Palestina (10-9) 5th beaten 4t to Mend it (rec 9tb) 27 ran. Hantingdon 3m h'cap hdie Fab 9 good.

4.0 MARCH HARE HANDICAP HURDLE (4-y-o: £2,309: 2m 100yd) (12) MARCH HARE HANDICAP HURDLE (4-y-c: 22,309: 2)

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4.30 WHATCOMBE NOVICE HURDLE (Div II: £1,654: 2m 100yd) (14) 4-6 Bajun Sunshine, 4 Hazy Sunset. 6 Gee-A, 10 Batch

> Newbury selections By Michael Phillips

2.0 The Duise. 2.30 Aces Wild. 3.0 Romany Nightshade. 3.30 Annex. 4.0

6-010p0 NORTHERN MAN (D) (R Figher) R Figher 7-12-7 July 1046-00 NORTHERN MAN (D) (R Figher) R Figher 7-12-7 July 1046-00 NORTH R July 1047-00 NORTH R July

Haydock selections By Michael Philips 1.45 King Jo. 2.15 John Punyan, 2.45 Rathgorman, 3.15 Mac's Park, 3.45 Blackfeet, 4,15 Karenomore

4.0 MANIFESTO CHASE (Novices: £1,828; 2m MOSSY MOORE by g by Master Owen -Choir Belle (B Charr) 8-11-13 Going: Hurdes-soft Chases-good to soft.

TOTE: Whr: £1.50. Places: £1.10, £1.30, £1.30. DF: £2.10. CSF: £4.88, B Chinn at Bristol. 6t, 4l. Denston (25-1) 4th. 10 ran. 4.30 THREE COUNTIES HURDLE (Handicap, 52,494; 2m)

Ludlow TOTE: Wirt: £1.30. Places: £1.10, £1.70, 11.10. DF: £6.40. CSF: £10.07. F Winter at Cambourn 8I, 10l. Abo (33-1) 461. 8 ran. Going: Good 2.15 BORDER CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS SELLING HURDLE (1883: 2m) YO-HO b g by Maransingh - Treasura(D Thompson)S-10-8 P A Farnel (20-1) Linger Gold W Heyes(9-2) Lift High B Powel(20-1) ESA: 2m) SRRDIE on g by Track Spare - Golden Topazhkra A Tomkinsi 4-10-10.R Linky 1 laterthal Communder - Phurphy?-13 Golden Brigadier. - Phurphy?-13 TOTE: Wife: E2.10. Placest: E1.20, E1.90. £1.60, DF: £2.80. CSF: £12.86. M Tompikns at Newmariot nt., 51. November Rain (25-1) 4th. 12 ren. NR: Galaxy Imp. TOTE: Wir: 216.60. Places: 22.50, 21.70, 24.70, 25.50. DF: 219.90. CSF: 289.57.TRi-CSF: 21.818.40. O Breamon at Newark: Strick, and the control of the contr 2.45 BROMPTON NOVICES' CHASE (6-y-o:

3 15 FORBRA GOLD HANDICAP CHASE (£1,697: 3m) FORMER by g By No Argum Point (D Lunt) 9-10-6 TOTE Win: 29.50. Places: 22.20, 21.90, 28.50, 22.90. DF: \$12.60. CSF: E77.38. TRICAST: £3.329.71. D McCeirest Southport. 2'4, 61. Moure Oliver (20-1) 4th. Mint Streek (100-30 fev. 19 ren.

TOTE few: 222.40. Places: £4.70. £3.50. £18.90. DF. £30.40. CSF £337.14. Tricast: £18.262.96. T. Nicholos at Wolventrampton. £5. £6. Fury Boy (12-1) 4th Shotang (11-4 fav). 15 4.45 LADBROKE RACING MARES HANDICAL HURDLE (21,315: 3m 1f 160yd) E968: 2m)
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Timothy Let) 11-7...S Morehead (10-11 lav) 1
Cepties Kelly. - P Barton (50-1) 2
Sulton Cost. - P Warrer (6-1) 3
TOTE Wit: 52.30. Phoses: 51.80, 55.80
£370. DF: 2173.20. CSF: 238.05. Mrs M Rimel
ef Severn Sicke, 4l, 1l. David Street (8-2) 4th,
14 ran.

TOTE Wire \$14.70. Places: \$3.70. \$1.50. \$1.30. \$2.90. DF: \$29.00. CSF: \$153.74. Tricase \$282.15. Johnson at Hersford. 193. \$29.1 Sormay (10-1) 4tt. 18 ran. the advertising contracts were iot think and in the judge disclare.

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6.00 Ceetax AM: News and information that every TV

owner can receive. 6.30 Breakfast Time: with Selina Scott, Mike Smith, Today's specials include gardening advice from Alan Titchmarsh (7.30-7.45) pop news (same time slot) and food and cookery them (8.30-9.00). Regular items include news at 5.30, then half-hourty unti 8.30, regional news at 6.45, then half-hourly until 8.15,. Momino papers review at 7.18 and 8.18; and sport at 6.40 and

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9.00 in Deepest Britain: Steam and Hedgerow. Springtime in a mid-Wales valley brings out an ecologist, ornithologist and wildlife artist: 9.30 Ceefax pages; 10.30 Play School; 10.55 Play Ideas; 11.05 Ceetax pages.

12.30 News After Noon; 12.57 Financial Report. And subtitled news

1.00 Pebble Mill at One: the lunchtime music and chat show from a fover-studio: 1.45 Bagpuss; 2.00 Cartoons.

2.15 Racing from Newbury: Live coverage of the 2.30, 3.00 (Arkell Brewery Handicap Steeplechase) and 3.30 races. 3.50 Magic Roundabout (r): 3.55 Play School: It's Friday, 4.20

Laurel and Hardy: not the real thing, just a cartoon: 4.25
Jackanory: Pippa Guard reads
from Susan Coolidge s What Katy Did: 4.40 Wildtrack: Wildlife magazine, including the naming of the winner of the programme's Bird Brain of Britain contest; 5.05 Grange Hill: Final episode. More about the school merger dance (Ceetax trites, page 170) 5.35 The Wombles.

5.40 Sixty Minutes: The line-up is: 5.40 news, 5.54 weather: 5.55 regional magazines, 6.38 closing headlines

6.40 Doctor Who: Final episode of Planet of Fire. With Peter Davison (Ceefax titles, page

7.05 The Superstars: The British Men's Championship, from RAF Costord, There are familiar faces among the competitors, including tennis player John Lloyd, Rugby Union international Perer Wheeler, show jumping champion Robert Smith, and world record-holder in the 4 x 800 metres relay Gary Cook.

7.55 Sharon and Elsie: Penultimate episode in this comedy series sel in a printing works. A philanderer is risking a violent reaction from the husband of the girl whom he fancies with Brigit Forsyth, Janette Beverley and John Landry

8.20 We Got it Made: American comedy series 8.45 Points of View: Fifteen commented on by Barry Took.

9.00 News: with John Humphrys. 9.25 Remington Steele: Stephanie Zimbahst and Pierce Brosnan to the rescue of a trouble-hit television news station.

10.15 The Further Adventures of Lucky Jim: Enn Reitel plays

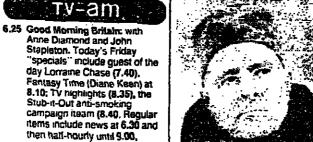
0.45 News headlines. And weather 10.50 Film: Sweet Smell of Success (1957) Searing exposee of Broadway, with power-crazed columnist Burt Lancaster hiring an unprincipled press agent (Tony Curtis) to wreck his sister's love affair with a jazz musician. Co-starring Susan Harrison, Marty Milner and Sam Levens directed by Alexander Mackendrick, with first-rate screen play from Clifford Oders and Emest

Lehman. Ends at 12.30am.

11.00 Snooker: The semi-finals of 12.15 South of Watford: A close look

posed: are the pictures becoming more important than the music? 12.45 Dragnet: A husband is suspected of his wife's murder. With Jack Webb as Sergeant Joe Friday, Followed by the Rev Allan G Scott's

Night Thoughts.



sport (6.35, and 7,35)

JTV/LONDON

9.25 Themes news headlines; 9.30 For Schools: The line-up is:

9.30 Your Living Body (breathing); 9.47 On the

12.00 Jamie and the Magic Torch:

for the toddlers (r): 12.10

1.00 News from ITN; 1.20 Thames

Jersey

cenie friend.

3.30 Sons and Daughters:

4.00 Children's ITV: with Roland

Rainbow (repeated at 4.00); 12.30 Lifeskills: Sehavioural

Dsychologist Dr Robert Sharpe tells us how to be social

area news; 1.30 About Britain:

A film about the honorary police force on the island of

about a weather man and his

Snooker: Live coverage of the

Australian family drama serial.

Rat Rainbow (r): 4.20 Batfink:

cartoon: 4.25 Sooty: See leaves home: 4.50 Freetime: visit to the Steam Fare at

Stourpaine, Dorset: plus the

contest. 5.15 The Young

Show: with Michael Aspel.

Astrological fun and games,

with Tom O'Connor as MC.

The competing celebrates are Patricia Brake. Jess Conrad

5.45 News; 6.00 The 6 a'clock

and Sharron Davies.

7.30 Survival Special: Space for

unique wildlife reserve

Wildlife. A film about the

establish at the Kennedy

Space Centre, in the shadow

of the space shuttle launch site

inherited a stately home, former politician Charles (John

Standing) is now short of the

Lorraine Chase as his cockney

money to maintain it. With

Edward Woodward as the

daughter is kidnapped just as

he is to open a new high technology factory. With Kat Harper and Wanda Ventham.

business tycoon whose

10.00 News at Ten. Followed by

10.30 The London Programme:

Thames news headlines

Prostitution in London. Why Camden borough is

social rehabilitation scheme that, in Sweden, has

significantly reduced the level

at rock video. How the tapes

are made. And the question is

considering introducing a

the Yamaha Keyboards

International Masters.

9.00 Killer Contract: Tholler, with

7.00 The Zodiac Game:

(see Choice).

8.30 The Other 'Art: Having

Doctor.

Freetime Computer Challenge

Yamaha Keyboards International Masters, from

2.00 Just our Luck: cornedy series

up to unemployment; 11.05 A special kind of zoo; 11.22

Picture Box: fire 11.39 History in Action: The Red Tsar.

Alec McCowen: The World Walk (BBC 2, 10.05pm) National Health; 10.43 Facing



BBC 2

9.00 Pages from Ceetax; 9.15

Daytime on Two (until 2.50). The line-up is: 9.08 Electronics

in Action; 9.30 Everyday Science; 9.52 The Boy from

Space (6): 10.15 Matheopre

One: 10.30 Pages from Ceelax: 11.00 The History

Traff (village improvers): 11.22 Moral Education (sacred

books); 11.44 Going to Work (market town); 12.05 Making

the Most of the Micro; 12.30 Computers in Control (Chicago

Robotics Exhibition); 12.55

Around Scotland (airport life); 2.01 The Guardian Angels; 2.30 language in Action; 2.50 Pages from Ceelax.

University trailers, including Modern Art: Manet and Blake,

the Artist; 5.10 Utopia: Society

starring Margaret Rutherford as the Grand Duchess

Gloriana, and Ron Moody as her prime minister who, when

it is discovered that exploding

wine makes excellent rocket luel, decides that someone

from the Grand Duchy will be the first man on the Moon.

Bernard Ćribbins. Directed by

Williams (debut) and Dead or

With Terry Thomas and

7.00 ORS 84: With Litravox, Willia

7.45 The World About Us: Sport

Fishing Down Under. The producer of this document Chris Powell, says that Australian sport-fishing

of the most drmatic ever

alcolm Florence

8.35 Gardener's World: Graham

Rose and Roy Lancaster

explore the treasures of

gentie shades of autumn

9.00 M*A*S*H: The 4077th look to a

defeats. But there is a

9.25 Whicker. The theme tonight:

Malcolm McLaren.

10.50 Newsnight.

FREQUENCIES: Radio 1: 1053kHz/285m; 1089kHz/275m; Radio 2: 693kHz/433m; 909kHz/330m; Radio 3: 1215kHz/247m: VHF -90-92.5; Radio 4: 200kHz 1500m: VHF -92-95, LBC 1152kHz/261m; VHF 97.3; Capital: 1548kHz/194m: VHF 95.8; BBC Radio London 1458kHz/206m: VHF 94.9; World Service MF 648kHz/463m.

10.05 The World Walk: Jonathan

11.35 Whistle Test: with Nena, Flat Lux and the Electro-

style and fashion. Guests

include Molty Parkin and

Hidcote Manor in Gloucestershire, where the

abound (Ceefax, page 170).

bowling tournament against a neighbouring Marine unit to

reverse their run of sporting

professional in the rival team

Smith's play about the captive Albert Speer played by Alec McCowen, With Norman

Rodway and Nigel Stock (see

sequences in his film are some

filmed. The ace fisherman is

Richard Lester.

Ithout the State. Open

University film about

5.35 News: with sub triles for the

hard of hearing.

5.40 Film: Mouse on the Moon (1963) Rumtanian farce

living (r).

Speak for Yourself.

1.20 Pages from Ceefax; 1.38

5.65 Weekend Outlook: Open

6.05 Open University (until 8.10.

worms its way into Speer's brain. thence into his conscience, just as remoreelessly as the studio Heilings, simply has not missed a trick. Speers s diaries contain serious gaps when they touch on the degree of his conscious culpebility for crimes against humanity. Mr Smith has attempted to fill in some of those gaps. What is clear from his play is that he is no less skilled as an historical theorist than he is as a dramatist. There will, presumably, be those who will accuse him of taking the easy way

CHANNEL 4

Canadian-made comedy

senes. Part one of a Jekyli and Hyde take-off in which the evil

in Dr Jekyll is personified in the shape of Mrs Hyde.

on Michael Jackson and the

minute Thaller video. Also

Scott Walker and Virgin

7.00 Channel Four News. With

presenter's chair. Also

7.30 Right to Reply: Channel Four

weather for the weekend.

viewers get a chance to say

what they think about the channel's output. The studio link-man is Gus Macdonald.

Tonight: accusations about sexy dancing in The Tube.
8.30 A Week in Politics: with Peter

Jay. Labour pointcians are asked how the Chasterfield

relationship with Whitehall.

headines (and what goes underneath them) are studied

tonight by the freelance journalist Christopher Hird,

series about flatmates Jude

lonight, are left holding the

lailed to get a hand-out from the DHSS, Old Pat (Patricia

Hayes) and Lanky Pat (Pat

half, trying to get a home

10.00 Cheers: Comedy series, set in

a Boston bar. A customer (Charles Bouvier) has a

problem that might put a permanent end to his

10.30 Well Being: Is Marriage Bad

'agony aunt" on

11.15 Film: The Four Just Men

umong men.

blossoming relationship with Carla (Rhea Periman).

for your Health? How to take some of the heart-ache out of

the alternative to marriage -

being simply and emotionally

John Harper, co-author of a

(1939) British film version of

Francis L Sullivan and Frank

heroes who combine to save

destruction at the hands of

foreign agents led by a British
MP With Anna I se and Alan

MP. With Anna Lee and Alan Napier, Director: Walter Forde.

Lawton as the eponymous

the British Empire from

Ends at 12.50am.

the Edgar Wallace thriller, with Hugh Sinclair, Griffith Jones,

recent study into divorce

interviewed include Irma Kurtz.

Coombs) tackle the local town

Amanda Symonds) who.

9.30 The Lady is a Tramp: Having

baby - literally

and Mo (Rachel Weaver and

9.00 Dream Stuffing: Penultimate

8.40 What the Papers Say: The

Also, the bus

by-election result will affect the balance of power in the party.

Peter Sissons in the

Dance.

appearing are Bananarama. Thomas Dolby, Tom Warts,

5.30 The Tube: includes a feature

making of his remarka

5.00 Wayne and Shuster.

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 THE WORLD WALK (BBC 2, 10.05pm), Jonathan Smith's play about Hitler's architect and arms minister, Albert Speer, and his incarceration in Spandau prison, began life as a work for radio. You would not suspect it. The carnera microphone did. The director, Sarah

CHOICE

out by confronting Speer with one of his victims, a former slave labourer. now a medical orderly at Spandau. But the philosophical argument about whether the man who holds the ladder (Speer) is as much to blame for the outcome as the thief (Hitler/Himmler/Eichmann) who gets nto the house and commits murder there, would have been far less incisive if the ladder-holder alone had been given the chance to put

"All this technical wizardry is lost on the widdife" is the most unworthy of several anthropomorphic thoughts that tarnish the commentary in tonight's visually

Radio 4

6.00 News Bhefing; Weather.
6.10 Farming Today, 6.25 Shipping.
6.30 Today, including 6.30, 7.30, 8.30
News Summary. 6.45 Prayer for
the Day. 6.55, 7.55 Weather. 7.00,
8.00 Today's News. 7.25, 8.25
Sport. 7.45 Thought for the Day.
8.35 Yesterday in Parliament.
8.50 Your Letters. 8.57 Weather.
9.00 News.

6.00 News Briefing; Weather.

magnificent documentary SPACE FOR WILDLIFE (ITV, 7.30pm). And yet, in essence, this is exactly what the film is about – birds and enimals going about their daily affairs while, a mile or so away, the American space shuttle roars off its launching pad at Cape Canaveral. Not a flicke in the eye of the osprey in her nest. The loggerhead sea-turtle goes on laying eggs. And the gopher tortoise stays in low gear as the giant shuttle transporter heaves its way towards it along the runway. "Where Man has reached for the stars, he has left a wide space for wild life" is how the commentary puts it. redundantly. There is visual

it whole.

confirmation as the alligator that has ignored the feverish activity around the Vehicle Assembly Building, pounces on a raccoon and swallows

8.30 Going Places. The world of transport and travel.
7.00 News.
7.05 The Archers.

Howard's programme highlights.

8.10 The week in Synoid with Rosemary Harsii.

8.30 Any Questions? from Leeds, with Citive Thormon, the fix Rev Ball Westwood, Harry Ognall and Sheala McKechnie.

9.15 Letter from America by Alistair Cooke.

7.20 Pick of the Week. Margaret

9.00 News.
9.05 Desert Island Discs Actor Michael York is the castaway (r).
9.45 Feedback with Simon Bates.
10.00 News; Science Now.
10.30 Morning Story: 'Shining Armour' by Andy Smith. Read by the author. 9.30 Angus McDermid in the BBC 9.30 Angus McDermio in the BSC Sound Archives.
9.45 Kaleidoscope. Arts magazine, introducted by Shendan Morley. Includes a review of The Mrkado at the Old Vic in London.
10.15 A Book at Bedtime: The Lost Domain by Alain-Fourner (15). Read by Michael Williams.
10.30 The World Torsett.

(continued) 11.00-12.00 Study or 4 in Schools Night-Time

Broadcasting: 12.30 Choices.

Radio 3

6.55 Weather 7.00 News.
7.85 Morning Concert part one.
Ireland's A London Overture;
Mozart's Sehnsucht nach dem
Fruhlinge K 596 (JMI Gomez.,
soprano). Delius's A Song of

News. 8.05 Morning Concert; part two. Telemann's Overture à 5, for

Summer: Mendelssohn's Violin

Telemann's Overture à 5, for horns and strings;
Rachmaninov's Vocalise Op 34
No 14 (Soderstrom / Ashkenazy);
Vaughan Williams's Romance for harmonica and strings (Reilly and Academy of 3t Martin-in-the-Fields) and Rameau's Suite No 2
(Le Temple de la Gloire); 9,00

Concerto, op posth - Roberto Michelucci and I Musicrt 8.00

author.

10.45 Daily Service. Women's World Day of Prayer from Manchester.

11.00 News; Travel; You The Jury. Current issues are put on trial, with Geoffrey Robertson as chalman (or). Read by Michael Williams.

10.30 The World Tonight

11.00 Today in Parliament.

11.15 The Financial World Tonight

11.30 Week Ending. A satincal review.

12.00 News. 12.10 Weather. 12.15

Close. Shipping Forecast.

England: VHF as above except.

6.25-6.30am Weather: Travel.

10.46-12.00 For Schools: 1.55
2.00pm Listening Corner. 2.00
3.00 For Schools: 5.50-5.55 PM
(continued) 11.00-12.00 Study of chairman (r). Natural Selec

News; You And Yours. 12.27 My Music. A new series of the musical panel game with John Amis. Frank Mur, Ian Wallace and Denis Norden trying to answer Steve Race's questions. 12.55 Weather.

12.55 Weather.
1.00 The World At One: News.
1.40 The Archers 1.55 Shipping.
2.00 News: Woman's Hour from Card ff. Today's edition includes tents in which a teacher talks. back to the days when leeches

back to the days when leeches were in use.

3.00 News: Kipps "The Story of a Semple Soul" by H. G. Welts, dramatized in five parts (2), Mark Straker plays the title role, and Paul Daneman is H. G. Welts.

4.00 News; Just After Four. The joys of saiting, by Francis Wood.

4.10 War And Peace in Our Time. Geoffrey Stern examines the persistence of warlare (3) The Nigerian Chil War.

4.40 Story Time: "Vera" by Elizabeth Yon Amium (5) Read by June Barrie.

Barrie.
5.00 PM:News Magazine 5.50 Shipping Forecast 6.55 Weather.
6.00 The Six O'Clock News.

News 5.55 (Part of Sixty Minutes) Scene Around Six. 10.15-10.45 Spotlight.

12.25am Him: Endless Night (1972) (Hayley Mills). 12.25 Northern Ireland. England NORTH-EAST only: 12.00-12.30pm North Country. 5.55pm (Part of Sixty Minutes). 10.15 EAST - Weekend. MIDLANDS - Midlands Tonight. NORTH - Deadly Virtues. NORTH EAST - Coast To Coast, NORTH WEST - Bonny Brid. SCHIFTH - Southern Life: Thanks for the

To coast, North West - Bornly Brid.
SOUTH - Southern Life: 'Thanks for the
Memory' (motor raily from Bournamouth
to Bath) SOUTH WEST - Country
Scene, WEST - Worman and Waugh.
12.30am Close.

12.30am Closs.

S4C Starts 2.00pm Flanestri, 2.20

Jack's Game. ys 3.20 Making of Britain, 3.50 Gardener's Calendar 4.15 Chips Comic. 4.45 Lan Lofft. 5.00 Sbri Cetwydd Golau. 5.30 The Tube. 7.00 Newyddion Sarth. 7.35 Edrych Thery y Camerau. 8.00 Pobol y Cwm. 8.30 Y Byd Yn El Le. 9.15 Cheers, 9.45 Soap. 10.15 Boy in the Bush. 11.10 Lady is a Tramp. 11.35 Stand Your Ground

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10.45-10.50 Northern Irela

BBC 1 Wates 12.57-1.00pm News
3.48-3.50 News 5.55 (Part of
sutty minutes) Wates today. 9.25-10.15
Wates! Wates? (Dai Smith presents a
fresh analysis of the Wetsh) 10.15-10.30
Sportfolio 10.30-11.20 Reminigton
Sizele. 11.20-11.21 News 11.2112.55am Film: 'Endless Night' (1972)
(Hayley Mille). Scotland 12.55-1.00pm
News 5.56 (Part of Sixty minutes)
Scotland: sixty minutes. 9.25-9.55
Agenda. 9.55-10.42 Friday Night With
Douge Donnelly 10.42-10.45 News
10.45-11.30 Reminigton Sizele 11.301.10am Film: 'Cannon for Cordoba'
(1970) (George Pappard). Northern REGIONAL TELEVISION VARIATIONS TSW As London except 12.30pm-1.00 Crafts Made Simple. 1.20-1.30 News. 2.00-2.30 Warters. 5.15-5.45 Emmerdale Farm. 6.00 Today South West. 6.30-7.00 What's Ahead. 10.34 Snooker, 12.15am Postscript, HTV WEST As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Crafts Made Sample, 1.20-1.30 News, 2.00-2.30 Laverne and Shirley, 3.30-4.00 Young Doctors, 5.15-5.45 Joanle Loves Chachi. 6.00 News, 6.30-70 Problems, 10.30 Crack Highland Shew, 11.00 Specific Crack Highla (1970) (George Peppard). Northern Ireland 12.57-1.00pm News 3.48-3.50

Good Neighbour Show. 11.00 Snooker. HTV WALES As London except: 11.05am-11.20
About Wales. 6.00pm-7.00 Wales at Six. 10.30-11.00 Showbizz.

ANGLIA As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Crafts Made Simple. 1.20-1.30 News. 2.09-2.30 Albert Carter. Cornedy. 5.15-5.45 University Challenge. 6.09-7.06 About Anglia. 10.30-11.05 Cross Question. 12.15am. Sea Pictures, Closedown.

SCOTTISH As London except 12.30 pm-1.00 Crafts Made Simple. 1.20-2.30 At Ease. 3.30-Made Simple: 1.20-2.30 At Ease, 3.30-4.00 One of the Boys, 5.15-5.45 Emmerdale Farm, 6.00 Scotland Today, 6.30 Sports Extra. 6.45-7.00 Hear Here, 10.30 Way and Means, 11.00-11.05 Late Call. 12.15 am Closedown. 9.05 This Week's Composer: Bach.
The Musica Antiqua Cologne with
Reinhard Goebel, victin, play the
Musical Offering?
19.00 Haydn: the Trios in D (H XV 16)
and in G (H XV 15)?

10.40 Bournemouth Sintonietta: Derak Bourgeois's overture The Green Dragon; Brahms's Serenade in A. Op 16; and Dworak's Czech

11.45 Op One: Peter Walifisch (plano) plays Zeminsky's Landiche Tanze; Shostakovich's Three Fantastic Dances; and Berg's

Sonetat 12.20 BBC Weish Symphony Orchestra: Concert. Part one. With Raiph Kirschbaum (cello). Britten's overture The Building the House, and Elgar's Cello Concerto, Op 851 1.00 News. 1.05 Six Continents: Foreign radio broadcasts, monitored by the

1.20 BBC Welsh Symphony Orchestra; part two. Brahms's Symphony No 21 2.10 Rayel Schubert and Chabrier: song recital by Susan Kestler (mezzo) with Geoffrey Parsons a the pieno. Works include Schubert's Der Konig in Thule: Sylvia, and Chabner's Animal

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2.55 Chausson: Kyung Wha Chung (volan) and the Royal Phili play the Poèrne, Op 251
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Synod backs bishops' plan on remarriage

By Clifford Longley, Religious Affairs Correspondent

Church of England is to try attempt to modify the marriage again to find acceptable proposals for remarrying divorced

people in church.
It decided yesteday that the rejection and withdrawal of its earlier proposals were not fatal to the principle that some divorced people should be allowed a church wedding. The House of Bishops will

now prepare a detailed scheme to replace the ill-fated Option G proposals, and in the longer term there will be a study of the present strained relationship between church and state over

The synod resolved by substantial majorities in each of its three houses, that the House of Bishops, should draft a



The Bishop of Birmingham (left) and Sir William van Straubenzee

 Place the responsibility for decisions in cases of remarriage upon the diocesan bishop in consultation with the parish

Permit the possibility of appropriate cases being referred to a diocesan panel of advisers. with the parties having a right to appeal to the panel.

Be "more evidently pastoral" in its application and

 Set out clearly agreed guidelines for the use of bishops, clergy, and the panels. The new proposals were put together in the light of wide-

spread opposition to Option G from the clergy. It quickly became apparent that the two thirds of the synod

previously in favour of Option G had transferred allegiance to Conservative MP for Woking the new proposals. An alternative, behind which

all the opponents of remarriage in principle rallied was proposed by the Bishop of Salis- tration of marriage from the bury. Dr John Baker. It was civil law of marriage. defeated by 126 votes to 295.

The General Synod of the say whether it wanted a fresh

discipline. Consultations with the cleary had pointed to aspects of the old proposals which could be simplified. He said, however: "Let us not pretend that any scheme can be devised which will wholly satisfy those who are looking for a modification of our existing marriage discipline regarding divorced persons, and those who want no change."

He was strongly supported by Dr Robert Runcie, the Arch-bishop of Canterbury, who said: it has always been my hope that we could combine the highest doctrine of marriage as a permanent and lifelong relationship with a confident generosity towards those whose marriages have irretrievably broken down in any genuine desire they have to build out of failure and penitence, and to enter into a true Christian

"I believe this is not unbiblical untheological or unprecendented in the Christian tradition," he declared.

The proposal was strongly opposed by Dr Graham Leonard, the Bishop of London. He said that the church had made a mistake with Option G, and found itself in a cul de sac.

The church had failed to be faithful to the teaching of Christ, and equally had failed to meet the needs of Britain at this time. To offer repetition of the marriage service and its vows will inevitably be taken by the country at large with deep disappointment and with sadness if not with anger, as no more than the church coming along to endorse what the state

The Bishop of Salisbury, also objecting to the proposals said that Option G had fallen into the trap of trying to join together "what logic, unfortunately, will always put asunder'

The bishops' new suggestions would repeat that mistake, he

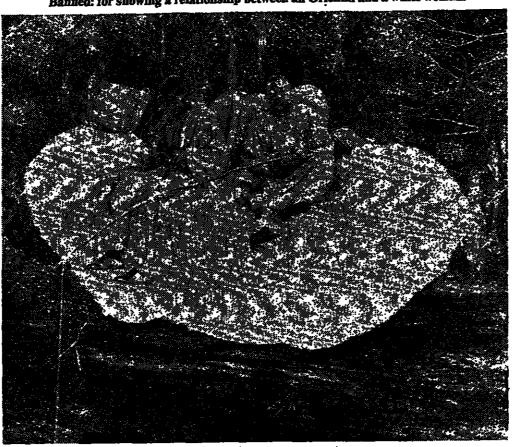
Sir William van Straubenzee, and Second Church Estates Commissioner, said that would require a change in the law to separate the church's adminis-

There were repeated attempts The proposal of the House of to reverse the synod's standing Bishops was presented by the commitment of find some way Bishop of Winchester, Dr John of remarrying divorcees in Taylor, who asked the synod to appropriate circumstances.

What the 1930s censors cut...



Banned: for showing a relationship between an Oriental and a white woman



Banned: for its representation of an all-Negro Heaven.

By David Hewson Arts Correspondent

The secrets of Britain's film censors of the 1930s will finally become public tonight. The opinions of Colonel J. C. Hanna, a retired army officer and Miss N Shortt, a shelterd upper-class spinster in her thirties were paramount in deciding what went on the British cinema screen.

As script examiners to the British Board of Film Censors, they set the standard of cinema taste in tones which seem somewhat risible today.

Faced with a script about the lustful attentions of a Malayan rajah to a white women saddled with a dipsomaniac fiance, Colonel Hanna thundered: The sight of a white man drifting to degradation through drink in native surroundings is always unpleasant and the orous desire of a native to get possession of a white women is almost, if not quite, a prohibitive theme." The film Miss Shortt's blue pencil

was just as cutting. Faced with a script from Gaumont, she ordered: "Delete 'masochist' (I cannot remember what this means), venery, androgynous, aphrodisical, libidinous, sen-sual, thrill, flesh-burning orgies, belly action, cheap The film Storm in a Teacup got off more lightly. "Delete 'nuts', 'pansy-faced' and close-up of the Speaker of the Comm

The secret fears of the censors were found in the archives of the British Film Institute, which has turned them into a dramatized presentation of censoship which is previewed at the National Film Theatre tonight, with clips of some of the banned scenes.

The censors objected ve-hemently to the making of a film of Walter Greenwood's novel Love on the Dole. "This is a very sordid story in very sordid surroundings", Colonel

Hanna observed.

The film was eventually made during the war, but many titles released in America never passed the board's scrutiny. The Bitter Tea of General Yen (1932) was banned becaused it showed a relationship between an Oriental and a white woman. Green Pastures (1936) fell foul of the censors for portraying Heaven.

Sex was a constant problem. 1931: "There are some producers who delight to show the female form divine in a state of attractive undress . . . for the purpose of giving the film what termed in the trade 'a spicy (Photographs courtesy of the

Letter from Brunei

Harmony reigns on royal polo fields

Harmony it this Malay corner of the world, with its explosive brew of proud royal houses and newly independent peoples, has been won largely on the polo field. It is a relatively short time since Malaysia was proposing resolutions in the United Nations complaining about Brunei's colonial status; Indonesia was sponsoring insurgency in the early 1960s.

Many of those differences have been straightened out at polo matches played between royal teams from the states of Malaysia and Brunei.

It was not until 1972 that the first polo pony arrived in Brunei, brought in by a local manager of the Chartered Bank. At first it was just a question of knocking a ball about on a nondescript piece of ground that could scarcely be called a pitch near the barracks of what was then the Royal Brunei Malay Regi-

But when royal interest in the game became apparent foreign banks, firms and the British Army scoured their ranks around the world for polo players to post to the Sultanate. By 1980 Malaysian teams were visiting regularly and that year the first team was brought in by the King of Malaysia.

Since then polo diplomacy has sped Malaysia on to its goal of matching the already close friendship between Brunei and Singapore. Even the Sultan of Brunei's

new-found self-confidence is attributed to the game: "Before he started playing polo he was shy and out of condition. It has made a man of him." During his recent visit the

Prince of Wales and the Sultan played polo, choosing their mounts from the Sultan's stable of 250 active horses. As they played, on the shaded veranda of the club-house - finished only that morning - stood Sultan Mahmood Iskandar of Johore, soon to become King of Malaysia; Sir Muda Omar Ali Saiffuddin father of the Sultan of Brunei; a bevy of exquisite Malay ladies and the senior British officers of the Royal Brunei Armed Forces

with their wives.

A celebration of royal privilege out of the period of high colonialism, and yet it was very much a contemporary diplomatic scene: a mark of the successful transition of

Brunei into the South-East Asian family.

For years all the portents had seemed to indicate that it would not be done without tears and might not last long should it ever come to pass.

Sultan's enthusiasm and his stupendous wealth has repolo club at Jerudong. There are three grounds, sir-conditioned stabling for the horses and a suitably pleasant, landscaped study farm. Close to the main ground there is a helipad. But when Prince Charles was there the Sultan chose to arrive in one of his latest acquisitions, a special-

The Sultan was particularly

Prince Charles boarded his VC 10 to fly home the game was on, but only after two new machines flown in specially from Australia had been used to suck flood water out of the

The going was still wet and sufficiently treacherous to unseat two Bruneian princes. According to rather partial British sources the Prince of Wales was the best player on the field, while the Sultan of Brunei was rated the most improved. But then the Sultan is able to practice almost every

The Prince and the Sultan were happily in the winning team, which won by seven goals to two. Precisely who scored what was not always clear, but it is safe to say that the Royal Houses of Brunei and Britain took most of the

But if the polo match was a symbol of historic continuity it was also indicative of the future. Even though the Sultan's polo exploits are assiduously reported by Brunei radio and television there were no ordinary Bruneian spectators, except those needed to tread in the divots. Nothing could have more clearly illustrated the great gulf that separates the ruler from the ruled.

THE TIMES INFORMATION SERVICE

Today's events

Royal engagements The Duke of Edinburgh visits Nottingham, arrives Nottingham Station, 9.55.

London University, attends a Dinner at the University College Women's Dining Club, at University College, WCI, 7.30. New exhibitions

5 (Thurs 9 to 8) (until March 23).

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15 Dropped issue, having acted like

23 Splendid article about a Spanish

28 It's a sort of house - not a school

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Paintings by Sonia Ratcliff, Ginnel Gallery, Lloyds House, 16 Lloyd Street, Maschester, daily 9 to

Paintings by George Blacklock and Clive Hodgson, Ikon Gallery, 58-72 John Bright Street, Birmingnam.; Tues to Sat 10 to 6 (unt

March 31). Homer's heroes Greece (until April 30); Change in Art Gallery, Chamberlain Square Birmingham; Mon to Sat 10 to 5

Roman Cotswolds: Corinium Museum, Cirencester, Tues to Sat 10 to 5, Sun 2 to 5 (until September 30). Recent paintings by Y. S. Huntriss, Banbury Museum,

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9 It is mainly connected with restoration of power (7,7).

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Solution of Puzzle No 16,367

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Where onlookers have standing

The Times Crossword Puzzle No 16,368

Horsefair, Banbury, Oxfordshire; weekdays (not Tues) 10 to 4 (until March 24).

Last chance to see Mapping the New World; ancient maps and portraits; Dorset Natural Dorset County Museum, Dorches ter; 10 to 5 (ends today).

Images of West Penwith; paintings and sculptures by Keith Barrett and Terry Whybrow; Falmouth Art Gallery, Falmouth, Cornwall; 10 to 1, and 2 to 4.30 (ends today).

Exhibitions in progress

Colman's mustard pot collection; Sheffield City Museum, Weston Park, Sheffield; Mon to Sat 10 toi 5, Sun I I to 5 (ends April 1). Dan Klein Studio Glass exhibition; Brighton Museum Church Street, Brighton; Tues to Sat 10 to 5.45, Sun 2 to 5 (closed Mon) (ends

Talks, lectures

War and the ideology of sacrifice, by Professor S. W. Sykes, 5.15; and Ancient Shipwrecks, by Dr A. J. Parker, 5.30; Elvet Riverside Lecture Room 140, Stage 1, Durham

chromatin superstructure, by Dr Aaron Klug, Lecture Theatre 2, Bennett Building, Leicester University.

Music Song recital by Nigel Rogers (tenor) and Richard Burnett (piano); Theaire Royal, Jewry Winchester, 7.45. Concert by Orchestra Da Camera

Library Theatre, Solihull, Midlands, 8. Concert by the County of Avon Schools Orchestra, Colston Hall, Colston Street, Bristol, 7.30. Classical piano trio open rebearsal, Holburne Museum, Bath,

Recital by Lyn McLarin (flute) and Philip Booth (piano), Big School Theatre Studio, Hereford Cathedral School, 7.45. Concert by the Bournemouth Sinfonietta Wyvern Theatre, Swin-don, Wiltshire, 7.30. Orchestra, Usher Hall, Edinburgh, 7.30. Concert by the Scottish Nationa

Scottish Student Dramn Festival: St Andrew's University Mermaids in The Strange Case of Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde, Third Eve Centre, 350 Sauchiehall Street, Glasgow, 7.30.

Parliament today

Commons (9.30): Debate on private Member's motion on the

Anniversaries

Births: Bedrich Smetana, Litomysi (Czechoslovakia), 1824; Deaths: John Wesley, London, 179); Horace Walpole, Fourth Earl of Orland, writer, author of The Castle of Otranto, London, 1797; D. H. Lawrence, Vence, France, 1930; HOward Carter, archaeologist, discoverer of Tutankhamun's tomb. First crosing of the Antarctic, by in expedition led by Sir Vivian

Midlands and East Auglie: A10: Roadworks with traffic signals along St Mary's Street, Ely, Cambridgeshire. A34: Roadworks at Tidmingston on Stour, delays. A47: Traffic signals at Postwick between Norwich and Yarmouth, Norfolk.

Wales and West: A30: Road Wales and West: A30: Road-works between Wilton, Wiltshire, and Stockbridge, Hampshire; re-strictions at Tinkerpit and Salis-bury. A40: Surfacing between Bancyfelin and St Clears, Dyfed; temporary traffic signals, delays. A4044: Roadworks at Haymarket, Bristol; one lane only on the

North: A575: Major sewer works at Egerton Street, Farnworth, Greater Manchester, road closed near junction with Gladstone Road, diversions in operation. Liverpoo Queensway Tunnel closed nightly, all traffic diverted via the Liver-pool-Wallasey tunnel between 9.15pm and 5.45am. A66: Road-Gretz Bridge, Durham.

Scotland: A74: Patching work in progress between Strathclyde re-gional boundary and the Scotlan-d/England border, lane closures. A74: Patching work south of Crawford; southbound carriageway closed, all traffic sharing north-bound carriageway. A74: Telecom ducting work between the B740 junction and Abingdon; inside lan of southbound carriageway closed. Information supplied by the AA

The papers

Both the Daily Star and the Daily Mirror are critical of tax increases nouned to be being considered by Mr Nigel Lawson, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, for this year's Budget. The papers concentrate their criticism on suggestions that indirect tax increases will be used to enable personal taxes to be held to their present level, or even reduced. The Daily Mirror, which is

critical of the fact that Mr Lawson
"has already, through the Inland
Revenue, imposed a new tax on
building societies which will prevent the cost of a mortgage from coming down . . . and is telling the banks that in future they must deduct income tax from the interest paid on deposit accounts, even where the saver is not liable to the tax..." adds: "He is scavenging for every penny and proposing, it seems, to use all he can grab for tax reliefs for the better-off."

Top films

Top box office films in London

(-) To Be or Not To Be

2 (2) Under Fire

3 (1) Scarface

4 (3) Trading Places

5 (4) Two of a Kind

6 (-) The Big Chill

7 (5) Sudden Impact

8 (8) Lianna

9 (7) Gorky Park

10 (10) The Honorary Consul Top five in the provinces

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Food prices

Home produced lamb prices are up yet again this week. Whole leg ranges from £1.50 to £1.92 per lb, whole shoulder from 90p to £1.23 But New Zealand whole shoulder is only 68-89p and Sainsburys have a special offer of whole leg at £1.19 and knuckle half at £1.26. Beef is a good buy, topside and silverside between £1.89 and £2.30 per lb and forerib roast on the bone £1.25 to £1.66. Sainsburys have reduced rib roast by 20p to £1.49 per lb. Tesco have chuck and braising steak and boneless rib at £1.44 and Fine Fare

Good pigs are in short supply according to Dewhurst and pork prices are slightly up for some cuts. Loin chops are £1.13 to £1.40, rib 93n to £1.39 and boneless shoulder 90p to £1,30 per leb. Marks and Spencer have fresh chickens at 69p per lb and Safeway 3 lb packs of chicken thighs reduced from £1.89

Fish is an attractive buy; cod fillets £1.33 per lb, haddock £1.39 plaice £1.52, sole £1.58 and

Canary Island salad tomatoes at 45 to 55p per lb are excellent value, and beef tomatoes at 40 to 55p are also good quality, Chinese leaves 30 to 55p per lb; cucumbers 35 to 45p each; round English and Dutch lettuce 25 to 35p each. Tesco have Spanish Icebergs at 65p. Otherwise spanish including at 15th Otherwise there are few changes in vegetable prices, but carrots are a little cheaper at from 8 to 18p per lb. Aubergines, from 10 60 to 90p, green peppers from 65 to 80p and courgettes from 60 to 80p are all good buys. Leeks from 34 to 42p per

There is plenty of good fruit evailable; apples, pears and citrus specially, and Coxes still wonder especially, and juicy. Safeway have Golden Delicious at 18p per lb. Granes from the Cape are cheaper Grapes from the Cape are cheap this week at from 75 to 90p per lb.

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	Germany DM	4.00	3.82
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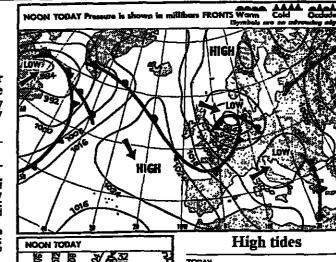
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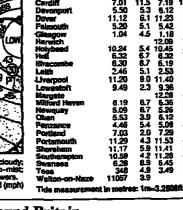
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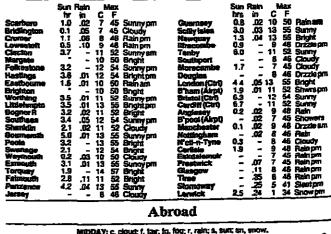
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Borders, Edinburgh and Dundee, Aberdeen, central Highlands, Micray Fith, Orlaney, Shetlands: Snow showers, heavy at times; wind strong to severe gale; max temp 2 to 3C (36 to 37F).

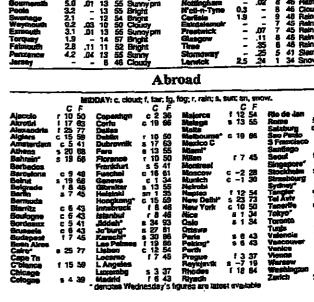
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Outlook for tomorrow and Sunday:
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Lighting-up time London 8.13 pm to 6.11 am Bristol 6.23 pm to 6.21 am Edinburgh 6.20 pm to 6.29 am Manacheother 6.19 pm to 6.22 am Panazance 6.38 pm to 6.31 gm



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